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AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION

New System Inaugurated By
Secretary of State, John
E. Bunker.

Secretary of State, John E. Bunker, has inaugurated a new system in dealing with the automobile registration problem which should be appreciated by all owners of motor vehicles within the State, and ought, as well, to reduce the volume of work in the Department of State connected with the registration of cars and licensing of operators during the year 1916.

In previous years application cards have been sent to dealers throughout the State, of whom there are only about three hundred, and a very small percentage of the owners of automobiles have known where cards could be procured. Consequently there has been much confusion and inconvenience in obtaining registrations and licenses. Many autoists, knowing that some fee should be paid for registration, have forwarded a check to the Department of State, unaccompanied by application cards, for the amount they thought was required. The amount has often been incorrect, and they have either had to be requested to forward the balance, or be refunded the amount overpaid, which has made the bookkeeping of the Department complicated. When the check has been unaccompanied by application cards, filled out in due form, the registration or license could not be granted until corrections were made, and much correspondence and not a few delays have resulted, to the inconvenience of both the Department and the person wishing to operate a car. Others have claimed that they did not know the law in regard to registration and licenses, and some have undoubtedly presented this as an excuse for violation of the laws. This may have resulted in more lenient treatment toward offenders and less revenue to the State, as well as much criticism from those who had made it a point to inform themselves of the law and had complied therewith.

So many have been the difficulties arising from this lack of knowledge regarding the automobile laws, the proper procedure for registration of cars, and licensing of operators, that Secretary Bunker has taken up the problem of eliminating all apparent difficulties. He has accomplished this to such an extent that it will be impossible for any present automobile owner to offer an excuse of ignorance of the law relating to registration, or lack of application cards, while all will be given the benefit of the new system, which will be found much more convenient, and without a doubt will be greatly appreciated.

The system, as explained by Secretary Bunker, is as follows: On December 15th there will be sent to every automobilist in the State who has registered a motor vehicle during the past year, an application card for registration, an application card for operator's license, and a copy of the Automobile Laws. A careful examination of the laws will show the amount required for registration of the motor vehicle. All the owner has to do is to fill out the application cards, enclose them with the amount called for in the law, and send them to the Department of State. Upon receipt of same, registration plates and certificates will go forward at once. A fee of two dollars should also be enclosed with an application for an operator's license.

Application cards are being sent out in the middle of this month in order to give every person owning an automobile the privilege, if he so desires, to receive his registration plates on January first for the coming year. There will be no excuse for any person who operates a car on the highways without the 1916 plates attached after the beginning of the new year. Plates and licenses will be forwarded from the State Department on the 20th and 30th of December to all persons sending in their applications, accompanied by the required fees, previous to that time.

For the benefit of the prospective purchasers of new cars during the coming year, Secretary Bunker is sending to all dealers, for distribution, application cards and copies of the laws. Persons purchasing cars should request such cards and laws. With the inauguration of this new system the public will receive the most efficient service in the history of the registration of automobiles in this State.

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NEW YORK LETTER

Some Things of Interest by
Our Special Correspondent

New York City, December 17.

Snow has hit us at last. And it hit us very hard, too. All day Monday it snowed heavy, clinging flakes, that piled up seven inches deep in the heart of the city, and nearly ten inches at the northern edge. For a while in the morning it rained, and that with the rather warm ground, we had our fill of slush before the day was over. The city authorities were caught badly, and could not cope with the situation at all. They seemed unable to get men enough, although the situations and want advertisements in the papers indicated that there are many unemployed now as any year. It is only in the last day or so that the snow is being at all adequately dealt with, and traffic is resuming any sort of speed. You can realize the difficulties to be met when the climate of this region is considered. We cannot simply pack the snow down and use it to travel on, on runners, for it is liable to vanish in slush any time the wind from the Gulf Stream hits us. And yet we have about as much snow, on the whole as Portland. The thing that is to be done here, and that Mr. Fotherston, our Street Cleaning Commissioner, has not succeeded in organizing in three winters, is to have an organization adequate to remove the snow as fast as it falls. It can be done. Colonel Waring did it here fifteen years ago.

The one sensible piece of snowplowing that I have seen is that along the routes of the Fifth Avenue and other stage lines that I described in another letter. They hitched a big snowplow to a stage, and kept the roadway open for their service—and also for other traffic—at all times.

Local news seems scarce this week. The papers are full of the Ancona note matter, of course, and of the opening of Congress. Some little attention has been given to the resolution of the new congressman from one of the districts of this city, Mr. London, asking that this country intervene to secure peace. Mr. London, it may be said, is the long Socialist member of Congress, and is pretty well known locally for the magnificent work he did in aiding the cloakmakers in their great strike some years ago. He has been called the greatest labor union lawyer in the country.

The successors to the late and perhaps lamented Anthony Comstock, self-chosen guardian of public morals, have started another series of raids on stores selling pictures supposed to be improper. Like Mr. Comstock, they have let the big offenders go, and taken little struggling fellows, who may be ruined by a lawsuit. Your correspondent saw in several big department stores pictures that were decidedly more salacious than those brought into court by the guardians of virtue. The raiding habit has taken hold of the police also, for in yesterday's paper there was a long yarn about their raid on "60 Washington Square," a restaurant supposed to be very ultra-bohemian, and where it was supposed one could see literary and artistic lights feeding. The raid was a fiasco; all they found was a cupboard with four hundred bottles, and a license to sell the contents.

New York University has opened up a rather novel sort of extension branch of its school of commerce, right in the heart of the financial district. Courses in banking, accounting, commercial law, Spanish, and a lot of similar things are being given at 14 Wall street, and thus the University reaches a large element that wants this training, but has not had time or opportunity to go uptown for it. The courses are arranged so that they fit into the hours of clerks. The work has been under way some months, and has met with a warm reception.

We have for quite a time had a novelty going up and down Broadway, in the form of a double-decked street car. It is one of these new low-hung steel cars, with the floor only a foot from the ground, and the wheel-trucks at each end, under a special compartment for the motorman. The entrance is at the middle, and consists of a pair of doors, electrically operated. When the car is moving, it is impossible to get on, as there is no step to the door. The upper floor has two seats, back to back, running lengthwise, and is reached by stairs at each end of the car. The whole vehicle is hardly two feet higher to the roof than the average big trolley car.

ANAX JUNICE.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Christmas sale at Garland Chapel, Dec. 14, despite the stormy weather and other obstacles, was a financial success.

Next Friday evening the annual picnic supper for the Congregational Sunday School will be served at 6.15 in the dining room. The supper will be followed by a brief entertainment and the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees. All Sunday School children and all members of the parish are cordially invited to be present and partake of the good things and enjoy the Christmas cheer.

Last Sunday was observed as Christmas Sunday at the Congregational Church with an appropriate sermon by the pastor at the morning service and special music by the choir. The concert in the evening opened with exercises of recitation and song by the younger children of the Sabbath School, followed by "The Traveller," a Christmas song story. The Scripture story of the birth of Jesus was recited by the older children of the Sabbath School, assisted by the chorus choir. Prof. E. E. Hanson read the Christmas story of "The Traveller" and the chorus responded with the appropriate songs. Miss Sawford's solos and Prof. Hanson's reading added much to the impressiveness of the exercises and the work of the organist, Miss Blanche Herrick, and those who so cheerfully assisted in the chorus was most heartily appreciated. Those in charge of the exercises well deserve the words of appreciation expressed by those who were privileged to listen to one of the most impressive Christmas stories ever told.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday the theme for the morning service at the Methodist Church was the Christmas story, both the sermon and the anthem drawing their lesson from the apparition to the shepherds and their journey to Bethlehem. A beautifully rendered solo by Mr. Tyler contributed greatly to the pleasure of the service.

In the evening the choir, under the direction of Mr. Anderson, ably assisted by Miss Davis as accompanist, gave the sacred cantata, "The Prince of Peace."

Both chorus and solo parts gave evidence of faithful work, and careful rehearsal with results that were very much to the credit of the choir and certainly delighted and inspired the audience.

The program follows:

Organ Voluntary, Miss Miss Davis

Prayer, The Pastor

Prelude.

Chorus, "Hark the Glad Sound."

Tenor Solo, "To Us a Child of Hope is Born."

Duet, "Once in David's Royal City,"

Misses Emma Rabideau, Hazel Arno

Chorus, "And There Were Shepherds."

Solo, "How Bright Appears the Morning Star,"

John G. Anderson

Chorus, "Behold There Came Wise Men."

Contralto Solo, "As With Gladness,"

Miss Jessie Brown

Chorus, "Joy to the World,"

(Solo by Messrs. Anderson and Tyler)

Benediction.

Next Friday evening at the Methodist Church there will be the usual Christmas eve supper for the children of the Sunday School and their friends at 6.15 in the dining room of the church. This is a picnic supper according to the usual custom, the ladies of the church furnishing baked beans, brown bread and coffee, and adults in attendance bringing white bread, cake, and pastry needed.

After the supper, or about 7.30 the Christmas concert by the boys and girls of the Sunday School will be given in the auditorium, closing with the Christmas tree. Gifts for the tree will be received by the committee in charge any time in the afternoon. The young people are very much interested in the program and a good time is expected.

The following is the program for Christmas eve, Friday, 7.30:

Song, Junior League

Recitation, "A Great Big Boy,"

Scott Pike

Exercise, "The Shepherd's Story,"

Three Boys

Marion Dean

Duet, Eunice Smith, Mildred Keddy

Recitation, Josephine Springer

Recitation, Ruth Gilman

GRANGE NEWS

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Ryerson at 11.30 A. M., Dec. 18th, 1915. Officers present at roll call: Master, Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, Gate Keeper and Ceres. One application was received and the first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate. After a recess for dinner the grange was called to order in open session. It being Past Masters day the following program was carried out: Music by grange choir. Past Master Elias P. MacIn, the oldest man in the town of Paris, gave a very interesting talk on the past history of the town and of Paris Grange. Dr. G. M. Twitchell gave a very instructive lecture on the "Cost of an Apple," which won a hearty applause. Sisters Hammond and Kennedy sang a duet and responded with an encore. Past Masters present: H. D. Hammond, John S. Brown, Geo. S. Boutelle, A. N. Cairns, H. H. Gates, Howard Swan, O. K. Clifford, James Millett, L. A. Brooks and Chas. Edwards responded to the call of the lecturer. Next meeting will be held Jan. 1 at 10.30. Degree work in the morning followed by a basket dinner with installation of the officers in the afternoon.

I. O. O. F. RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT ON THE DEATH OF BRO. W. W. LINNELL.

Whereas, Bro. W. W. Linnell, a member of our Order has been called to the Great Beyond, to remind us again of the frailty of life; and although we believe the "All Seeing Eye of God," is ever watching over us, and that he doeth all things well, nevertheless, we sorrow in our earthly way for our Brother.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the death of Bro. Linnell the Lodge loses a faithful member, and that we send a copy of these resolutions to his family, extending our sympathy; that these resolutions be spread upon our records, and printed in the Oxford County Citizen, and that our charter be draped for thirty days in memory of our departed Brother.

J. S. HUTCHINS,
W. F. CLARK,
F. E. PURINGTON,
Committee on Resolutions.

At. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
Bethel, Me., Dec. 10, 1915.

SWAN—FIELD.

A quiet wedding occurred at West Paris at the home of Mrs. Emily D. Field, Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at 8.30 P. M., when her eldest daughter, Ora E., was united in marriage to Albert L. Swan of Bethel. Rev. D. A. Ball performed the ceremony, the single ring service being used. Only the immediate relatives were present. The bride's sister, Miss Doris Field, played the wedding march and little Miss Margaret Tuell, who makes her home with Mrs. Field, was ring bearer. Mr. and Mrs. Swan left on the evening train for Bethel, where they will make their home for the present.

Exercise, "The Children and the Stars."

Recitation, "Spread the Christmas Bunching,"

Ethel Stearns

Recitation, Dorothy and Ronald Keddy

Recitation, Doris Somerville

Exercise, "Blessed Be,"

Five Children

Recitation, "Poor Santa Claus,"

Freda Wheeler

Recitation, "The Shepherd's Son,"

Gay Thurston

Song, Primary Class

Dialogue, "The Shepherd's Son,"

Edith Somerville, Raymond Chapman

Recitation, "Christmas Cheer,"

Evans Wilson

Recitation, "Baby's Favorite,"

Mildred Keddy

Recitation, "A Christmas Carol,"

Myrtle Wilson

Christmas Sketch, "Playing Santa Claus,"

Song.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

There will be a Christmas sermon and special music at the Universalist Church, Sunday morning, and a concert in the evening at 7.30.

Friday at the Universalist Church there will be the usual Christmas supper for the Sunday School, Parish and all church attendants, after which gifts will be distributed from the trees. Everyone cordially please, and enjoy a Merry Christmas.

Howe has a nice line of Educator Crackers in the 20c and 35c line. Adv.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

School closed Dec. 17 for a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Frank Robertson of Portland was a dinner guest at Holden Hall, Friday.

Holden Hall will be kept open during the vacation with Mrs. Sloan in charge.

Mrs. Pierce and daughter, Emma, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Freeport, Maine.

The teachers will spend the vacation as follows: Prin. Hanson in Bethel; Miss Pratt in Reading, Mass.; Miss Whitman at South Paris; Miss Whitmore in Warren; Mr. Rand at White Rock.

Rumford High defeated Gould's last Friday night by a score of 33 to 14. Rumford showed her superiority all through the game. J. Young was the star of the game, his shooting netting 10 points. Dyer also played a fine game in the defensive position. H. Young starred for Gould's. The summary:

	Floor	Foul	Goals	Goals	Points
RUMFORD					
Bouffard, Jr.,	1	0	2		
J. Young, Jr.,	7	2	16		
Marx, Jr.,	2	3	7		
Lovely, Jr.,	2	0	4		
Moehan, Jr.,	0	0	0		
Dyer, Jr.,	2	0	4		
Totals,	14	5	33		

	Floor	Foul	Goals	Goals	Points
GOULD'S					
H. Young, Jr.,	3	2	8		
Chapman, Jr.,	1	0	2		
Mundt, Jr.,	0	0	0		
Ray Cummings, Jr.,	1	0	2		
Ray Cummings, Jr.,	1	0	2		
Totals,	6	2	14		

Referee, Ebyan. Timer, Russ. Time of periods, 20 minutes.

SUNDAY RIVER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment, followed by the Christmas tree, will be given at the Sunday River schoolhouse, Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 1.30 o'clock. The following program has been prepared by the children and they extend a most cordial invitation to everyone.

Selection, "The Children of the Year."

Tableau, "Little Jack Horner,"

Roger Foster

Tableau, "Little Miss Muffet,"

Louisa Lowe

Dialogue, "A Christmas Stocking,"

Ruth and Charlotte Kendall

Recitation, "Milk Time,"

Allice Eames

Recitation, "Compassions of Christ,"

 Agnes Foster |

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hastings were in Berlin, Monday.

Harry Hastings and Claude Goddard were in Berlin, Thursday.

Gordon Allen spent the week end with relatives in South Paris.

There will be no meeting of the W. O. T. U. until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Parker from Sunday River were in town, Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Lowe visited her sister, Mrs. Hiram Wiles, in Norway, Saturday.

Nellie Blake from Milan, N. H., was a guest of Hazel Douglass the first of the week.

Miss Helen Spencer of West Enfield, Me., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Spencer.

Mrs. S. I. French was called to Mechanic Falls last week by the illness of her grandson.

Mr. Chas. Hamlin of Milan, N. H., was a guest of Mrs. Sidney Howe and family last week.

Rev. W. H. Clark of Auburn was in Bethel, Friday, in the interest of the Youth's Companion.

Mrs. Gotthard Carlson of Dover, Mass., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Frank Chandler, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Winfield Howe had the misfortune to hurt his arm quite badly last week while handling a trunk at the station.

Mrs. Chas. Davis, who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wormell, at Portland, has returned home.

Trimmed Hats marked down at L. M. STEARNS'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jordan were in Waterville, Sunday.

Mr. E. W. Sanborn of Norway was a business visitor in town, Monday.

A representative of the Lewiston Journal was in Bethel last week.

Mr. B. W. Kimball spent the week end with friends in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and Mrs. Frank Purrington were in Berlin, Friday.

Miss L. M. Stearns has returned from Portland, where she spent several days.

Miss Ada Bean visited at the home of Mrs. Hiram Bean a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Flint and Mrs. Allie Eames from Newry were in town, Monday.

Mr. Robert Snodgrass of Berlin, N. H., was a Sunday guest of Mr. and G. W. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler went to Norway, Friday, to attend "The Birth of a Nation."

Miss Mae Cross and Miss Dick Hastings have returned to Dover, Mass., to spend the winter.

Mr. Herman Mason attended the Live Stock Breeders' Association in Lewiston last week.

The degree team of the Robekahs will meet at the hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 P. M., for drill.

Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mrs. Ralph Young and Mrs. Wade Thurston were in Lewiston, shopping, Saturday.

Mr. C. G. Kimball left for Berlin, N. H., Monday, and later to go into the woods as scaler for Berlin Mills Co.

Adelmar Stearns, who was operated upon at the O. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, for adenoids, has returned and making a good recovery.

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Mr. and Mrs. visiting a few days and Mrs. Wm. B. Mrs. Nellie M. been a guest of Mrs. Winnifred Carl, are visiting a week. Mrs. Cora Full day, to visit her relatives. Virgil Fletcher have returned from each with a nice Mr. and Mrs. M. to New Vineyard death of Mr. Lud turned home, Sat. Mrs. Edwin E. been a guest of home in Canton. Miss Florence, eating lecture on "optical views at Hartford, Thursday. Leroy A. Berry ing trip with a 13 points. Lyman and H. Lewiston, Saturday. Daniel F. Foster Hartford town fango of 74 years. ford, a son of Dav Higgins Foster, citizen of that to by one nephew, Ford, and a cousin, Sumner. The fun at ten o'clock, Rev. Sumner officiating. Mrs. M. J. Ho from her recent ill Mrs. Henrietta G. Wednesday, from has been with her



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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. York have been visiting a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Russell of So. Paris. Mrs. Nellie Morse of Rumford has been a guest of Miss Clara Barrows. Mrs. Winnifred F. Roberts and son, Carl, are visiting friends in Auburn for a week.

Mrs. Cora Fuller left for Boston, Friday, to visit her son, Ralph, and other relatives.

Virgil Fletcher and Horman Tirrell have returned from their hunting trip, each with a nice deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Luce were called to New Vineyard last week by the death of Mr. Luce's father. They returned home, Saturday.

Mrs. Edwin E. Caldwell of Leeds has been a guest of friends at her former home in Canton.

Miss Florence Nelson gave an interesting lecture on "Greece," with stereopticon views at the church at East Hartford, Thursday evening.

Leroy A. Berry returned from a hunting trip with a nice buck, which had 13 points.

Lyman and Herschel Ellis were at Lewiston, Saturday.

Daniel F. Foster passed away at the Hartford town farm, Thursday, at the age of 74 years. He was born in Hartford, a son of David Foster and Eunice Higgins Foster, and was a life-long citizen of that town. He is survived by one nephew, Frank Foster, of Hartford, and a cousin, Geo. Foster, of East Sumner. The funeral was held Friday at ten o'clock, Rev. J. N. Atwood of East Sumner officiating.

Mrs. M. J. Howes is convalescing from her recent illness.

Mrs. Henrietta Glover returned home, Wednesday, from Lewiston, where she has been with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C.

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O. Holt, for the past two months. Miss Montese York has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. James G. Davis, of Rumford.

Charles A. Swift and family are guests of relatives in Somersworth, N. H.

Mary L. Richardson, who closed a successful term of school at Peru, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson.

Mrs. E. T. Holland of Monmouth has been a guest of friends in Canton, where she was a former resident.

Barbara, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boothby has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glines of Monmouth have been guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Glines.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fogg of North Rumford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Carson.

Herbert M. Tucker attended the meeting of the Maine Dairymen's Association at Lewiston last week. Mr. Tucker, who has been vice-president of the Association for the past few years, was elected president at this meeting.

Mrs. Angolia Thompson was called to East Dixfield, Saturday by the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carroll Thompson.

Mrs. Verna Smith of Lewiston has been a guest of Mrs. A. S. Bicknell and other friends in town, where she was a former resident. Saturday she went to Rumford to visit her sister, her being present.

Mrs. Ernest Freeman, Leola Berry, Clarence S. Alley and Lewis Hayford are at Redding on a hunting trip.

At the annual meeting of John A. Hodge Relief Corps the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Eyie B. York; Vice-President, Mrs. Ada Chamberlain; Chaplain, Mrs. Eunice S. Oldham; Secretary, Mrs. Martha J. Childs; Treasurer, Mrs. Estella C. Briggs; Guard, Mrs. Alma Towle; Conductor, Mrs. Maud Richardson; Past President, Mrs. Eliza Hodge.

Harold Ellingwood has been ill with a throat trouble at the home of his uncle, Geo. W. Brown.

A. F. Hayford and Arthur Tirrell are up country on a hunting expedition.

O. T. Bonney lost one of his work horses last week.

Miss Clara M. Barrows has gone to Rumford where she will be employed for a few weeks.

Mrs. E. B. Woodward is spending a few days in Portland.

H. Frank Richardson was at home from Bliss Business College, Saturday and Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society, J. M. Johnson was elected president; Stanley Bisbee, vice-president; O. M. Richardson, secretary, and G. L. Wadlin, treasurer.

Harris Jones and Albert Dodge have returned from their hunting trip to Upton, the latter bringing home a deer.

Very successful was the sale of aprons, bags, handkerchiefs, and home made candy held by Pomeah Robekah Lodge, Thursday evening, and the delicious supper was given a liberal patronage. A good sum was realized from the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gammon are guests of her people at Abbott's Mills.

Mrs. Leora M. Berry entertained the Ladies' Aid, Thursday, a large number being present.

NEW YORK LETTER.

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er up town. Another line goes far up Fifth Avenue, and then cuts through the heart of Harlem, famous for its flats with small rooms. A third line goes to the Polo Grounds, and does a big business in summer with the baseball fans. In the morning, when the weather is nice, stage after stage goes past, full on top,—for it is the most comfortable way to get down town. Fifth Avenue, below the plutocratic residences, is the center, first of the big department stores, and further down town of the cloak and suit trade. So it is quite handy for a lot of men to use the stages. They charge a ten cent fare, but that does not prevent crowding at some times. When you are in the city, and want to see something fine, take the stage twice; once near noon, and again after dark. At night Fifth Avenue is really at its best.

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There is a great shortage of desirable merchandise, with prices steadily advancing, but you may find at our stores everything that's good in SUITS, OVERCOATS, MACKINAWs, SWEATERS, UNDERWEAR, etc. at the same old prices.

We can show more articles a man would appreciate for Christmas than any other store in town.

F. H. NOYES CO.

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BETHEL,

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YULE-TIDE GREETINGS

We Wish Our Customers and Friends a Merry Christmas and a Full Share of Happiness.

The greatest gift in all the world is happiness. May this Christmas Day, the birthday of the world, witness Peace and Happiness among all nations.



LET US HELP YOU SOLVE YOUR HOLIDAY PROBLEMS

How to strike a satisfactory average between our desire to give and our ability to pay is a problem which worries nearly every one at Christmas time. Our stock offers an easy solution of the problem. In other words, it contains the kind of gifts you want to give at the price you want to pay. Our stock is extensive and contains something suitable for every member of the family. The list below will give you an idea of the lines we carry. "SHOP EARLY."

HOLIDAY STATIONERY

The famous "Eaton, Crane and Pike" make in special Christmas boxes. There is a great assortment of the newest tints and white papers in novel shapes which have made this paper celebrated.

Stationery and Correspondence Cards as low as 25c per box, and from that up to \$2.00.

SPECIAL "Embassy Lawn"

48 sheets lawn finish paper, 48 envelopes (2 shapes). Box covered with onyx paper, name embossed in gold and colors. Maximum in value, 25c a box.

FOUNTAIN PENS

An ever welcome and appreciated gift. We especially feature the "Conklin Self Filler" Non-Leakable. Nothing to get out of order. Fills and cleans itself in 4 seconds. Writes at the first stroke. No better pen made. Fully guaranteed at \$2.50 and up.

TOILET GOODS

Toilet goods make practical, useful gifts. You can buy Brushes, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Traveling Cases and all other staple goods of this nature at our regular, every day prices. The selection of such goods betokens good judgment, for they are beautiful, durable and useful.

LEATHER GOODS

Leather Hand Bags in all the new shapes and leathers, finely lined and in a variety of popular fittings. Prices from 50c to \$3.50.

Pocket Books in the new square and oblong shapes. From 25c to \$2.50.

SMOKER'S GOODS

If you can't reform him, you can at least see that he smokes good cigars. We have extra fine cigars in special boxes of 12, 25, 50, 100 for the holidays. These are brands which the most critical smokers in this community have passed judgment on. Price from 50c up.



JAM KIDDO

Made in U. S. A. The pioneer Sleepy-eye Doll of America. Indisputably the most practical Character Doll on the market. Look at the Happy Family in our window. Price \$1.00.

We also have a great many of the Imported Dolls from 10c up.

TOYS AND GAMES

We also have a nice line of Toys and Games for the children. Prices reasonable.

HOLIDAY PERFUMES AND SACHET POWDERS

A fine assortment of all the leading makes in attractive holiday packages. We have just added the Palmer line. There is none better. Their Rose Leaves and Wistaria are the two latest selling odors in the U. S. 50c an ounce.

BOOKS

Newest Fiction at 50c. Boy's and Girl's 25c Series.

FOR THE GIRLS

The Camp Fire Girls, Miss Pat, Grace Harlow's and the Little Prudy Books.

FOR THE BOYS

The Boy Allies, The High School Boys, Comrades and The Boy Scouts.

A big assortment of books to delight the hearts of the little tots. From 5c up to 50c.

CANDIES

Our Candy Department is simply overflowing with good things from 20c to 50c a pound.

Our line of Huyler's and Foss Quality and Premier Chocolates and Bon Bons in Christmas boxes is unusually inviting. Prices all the way from 25c to \$2.00 a box.

BARREL CANDY

As usual a barrel of that nice Ribbon Candy, 15c a lb, 2 for 25c.

A PRACTICAL GIFT FOR THE HUSBAND

A box of Nyals Shaving Powder or Shaving Cream, a bottle of Nyals Lila Lotion, a box of Nyals Face Cream and a box of Nyals Mayflower Toilet Powder, and a Styptic Pencil all for \$1.50.

TOILET SOAPS

All the leading makes. We feature Nyals Toilet Soap, 10c a cake, 3 for 25c.

The items listed in this ad should afford some valuable gift suggestions. Make a list of things you are mostly interested in and bring it with you when you visit our store.

H. S. PUSHARD,

REGISTERED DRUGGIST,

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RUMFORD

Hon. Payson Smith, State Superintendent of Schools, was in town last Thursday and Friday for the dedication of the Stephens High School, and the Rumford Point school building. In addition to his official duties, he called upon his many friends here. Mr. Smith was formerly located in Rumford as superintendent of schools, and was a very enthusiastic member of the Universalist Church.

Much speculation, amusement, and disgust is expressed at the movements of a woman, who persists in wearing male attire, going from place to place in this section. She was recently driven out of Benis where she had been working in the dower mill of C. B. Cummings & Son, coming from there to Rumford, while on Thursday last, she or he, boarded the P. M. train at Dixfield to go to Quosness where she or he is going into the lumber camps to work.

The Universalist Ladies' Aid held a very successful sale and supper on Thursday afternoon of last week. There were five tables of fancy and useful articles as well as many very artistic articles designed for Christmas gifts. The supper was on the European plan, and consisted of lobster salad, chicken croquettes, hot rolls, coffee, and various kinds of pies. The gross receipts were \$182.00, with a net of about \$155.

Mr. Franklin A. Martin, employed by the Maine Telephone & Telegraph Co., has just completed the installation of a No. 4 Private Branch Exchange and Storage Battery Plant in the mill of the Oxford Paper Co. This system is operated by removing receiver from hook, which signals the operator by small lights on the switchboard. There are fifteen stations, and three trunk lines installed. The storage battery plant furnishes the current for the system, the storage batteries being charged from the mill lighting system. Miss Nellie Hampden of Rumford has been obtained as the operator.

A regular meeting of the Cosmos Club was held at Hotel Rumford on Monday evening of this week, with supper to the members in the private dining room of the hotel. The paper of the evening was given by Mr. Martin L. Griffin, who took for a subject, "The Making of Our City."

Major John Hadley inspected militia companies in different parts of the state last week.

About the first of January, Horbert Huff and Joseph Sullivan, employees of the Continental Paper Bag Co., will leave for Australia where they will superintend the installation of machinery in a mill of the Continental.

The ladies of St. Margaret's Guild are to hold their annual sale of fancy articles and aprons on Thursday of this week. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Florence Curley of Portland is working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Hyde on Penobscot street.

David Bonvie, who has been employed at the Maine Coated Paper mill for some time past, has resigned his position and is planning to sell for his old home in Scotland this week.

John Miller and George Matheson, two millwrights employed in the International Paper mill, have discovered a new mine on Hemlock Mountain, about five miles from Rumford. Mr. Miller is an experienced mineralogist, and in company with Matheson has prospected the territory for miles around. They found rock in which was ore which Mr. Miller quickly recognized as zinc. They investigated and found that there was an immense quantity of the ore. They sent 10 pounds of the rock to Mr. Eddy, of the State Bureau of Industry, who in turn sent the rock to Prof. McKee of the University of Maine for treatment. Prof. McKee found in the 10 pounds of rock over three pounds of the best quality of zinc. Messrs. Miller and Matheson kept their discovery a secret until they obtained an option on the land from Mr. Davis. They have purchased the property and intend to work the mine at once.

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Mrs. Lola M. Lary, Bethel, says: "I was troubled by my kidneys for several years. If I did any work, I felt tired. I suffered intensely from backache and I also had much trouble from the kidney secretions. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me relief as soon as I began taking them."

SOME TIME LATER, Mrs. Lary said: "Doan's Kidney Pills are a mighty fine medicine and I am glad to confirm my former endorsement."

Price, 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lary had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mrs. A. E. Marshall has been quite poorly, but is improving. Ellsworth D. Curtis took a hunting trip to Upton last week. While away he had the misfortune to have his horse break through a barn floor and lame it very badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mann and daughter, Persis, were at Norway, Sunday, to attend the Peterson-Mann wedding.

Alton Rowell is very poorly. The stores are looking very attractive in holiday attire and have a nice line of Christmas goods.

There will be a union Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist Church in which the three Sunday Schools of the village will unite.

All of the stores and business concerns are putting out their usual, attractive calendars, but the most beautiful we have seen are from the store of G. A. Smith and are handsome and expensive. They make a real Christmas present.

School closed Friday with the exception of the high school, which has one week longer. The teachers with the exception of Miss Wall, principal, have gone to their homes. The primary and intermediate grades enjoyed a Christmas tree, Friday. On Thursday evening the scholars held a sociable at Centennial Hall.

Gorham, N. H., Lodge of Rebekahs were invited to visit Onward Rebekah Lodge last week and 15 members responded to the invitation. Onward Lodge nominated officers and did degree work. A program was given at the close of the entertainment. Supper was served to the visitors and refreshments at the close of the work.

Independents. Wednesday evening the Lithuanian Band and the Brass Band will give a street concert from 6.30 to 7.30. Thursday evening a band concert will be given at the Institute by the Boys' Band. Friday evening a basketball game between the High School and the Institute team, and Saturday a marathon race from the watering trough at the head of Congress street to the depot and return twice, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes denoted by dealers. Fire engine demonstration twice each day on Congress and Canal streets. Master Leo Lyons, the 10 year old boy soprano, dancer and impersonator, will be at Mechanics Institute on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, also on the afternoons of those days.

Two alarms of fire from box 28 early Tuesday morning called the department to a brick fire in the building belonging to Henriette Coulombe on River street. It caught in the beer shop in the basement of that building, spread up through the building, and caught on the roof of the next building belonging to John Winkout. The buildings were pretty well gutted, and the loss to Mrs. Coulombe was quite severe, although partly covered by insurance. Winkout had insurance on his building, but none on his furniture lost.

It was discovered on Monday that the house on Pine street owned and occupied by George Pettengill had been broken into and ransacked from top to bottom. The family have gone south for the winter months, and the key has been left in charge of Mrs. R. L. Melcher. On Monday, Miss Bertha Israelson noticed that things did not look as usual from the outside view, and going over to Mrs. Melcher's she made it known to them. Mr. Philip Israelson and Mrs. Melcher immediately went over and found things in a terrible condition. A barrel of cut glass being already packed in a wheel barrel and left at the cellar door to be taken away as soon as the thieves considered it safe to do so. The police were at once notified, and all efforts are being made to locate the guilty parties.

A chimney fire in a house on Spring avenue owned by M. A. Lord caused some little damage on Monday night, but the loss is fully covered by insurance.

SUNSHINE A GERMICIDE. Tests Show That Germs of Disease Can Not Survive When Exposed to the Sun.

Sunshine is an amazingly potent germicide for the farm housekeeper and in the dairy and stables. The practice of exposing cooking and other utensils used in connection with food to direct sunlight makes use of this fact, although comparatively few appreciate exactly the work done by the sun in this regard. Probably only those who are acquainted with tests which have actually been made realize how quickly sunshine kills disease germs exposed to it. Hence the following tests may be generally instructive and interesting.

A paste, creamy mass of tuberculous material, which was proved to contain uncountable numbers of virulent tubercle bacilli, was obtained from a tuberculous cow and spread in thin smooth translucent layers on sheets of glass, pieces of wood, and strips of muslin. Some of the sheets of glass, pieces of wood, and strips of muslin were then placed outdoors on a moderately warm,

clear, calm day where the sun could shine on them, and an equal number were placed in a dark room. After 15 minutes exposure to the sun, the tuberculous material on the glass, wood, and muslin still contained large numbers of living, virulent tubercle bacilli, which were proved to be fully capable of causing tuberculosis, but after 30 minutes exposure to the sun no living tubercle bacilli could be found; every test that could be made proved that they were all dead.

Similar tests with quite large opaque masses of tuberculous material, larger and denser than any tuberculous person is apt to expectorate, proved, that the bacilli in such masses on glass are still alive after 3 hours, but entirely dead in less than 8 hours, and still alive in the material on wood and muslin after 8, but dead in less than 16 hours.

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As most varieties of disease germs are more easily destroyed by germs than tubercle bacilli, and as tubercle bacilli, in the thin layers in which they are likely to adhere to clothing, blankets, rugs, draperies, furniture, walls, floors, etc., are killed by the rays of the sun in less than half an hour, though they remain alive in dark places a month and longer, it is reasonable to draw the following conclusions:

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These ewes were to be two and three years old. Some of them were eight years old. Each was to have at least one lamb. There were only 55 lambs for the 75 ewes. At the valuation put upon the sheep at inventory in 1915, these sheep were worth at time of purchase, \$515, or \$140.15 less than we paid. In the following account, this item of \$140.15 is deducted from the expense account as perhaps not being a fair charge against the experiment, for possibly another buyer might have purchased his sheep at our inventory price. The sheep are credited with lambs, with sheep and wool sold, with manure produced and with inventory (June 30, 1915) of 61 ewes three years or more old, 22 yearling ewes, three bucks, 42 ewe lambs and 31 buck lambs.

The cost for seed, sheep, food, labor and medicines, aggregated, \$1808.63 for the year ending June 30, 1915. The sales and inventory aggregated \$1048.87. The total loss after making all allowances and without any consideration of overhead charges, depreciation of plant, rent of land, interest on investment, or taxes that a farmer would pay, was \$287.70, or about \$3.45 for each of the old ewes.

The wool and lambs were sold as well as the ordinary farmer could expect. The most noticeable leak is in the val-

ANDOVER

Mrs. Alexander Jackson received word last week of her sister's sudden death and she and Mr. Jackson left in the afternoon for Boston, where they will remain this winter.

Mrs. Abbie Poor, who has been visiting friends at Rumford, returned to Andover, Tuesday, of last week and is living in her house on Main street, recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

Miss Ellen Akers, who has been visiting her brother, Nathan Akers and family, at Rumford, returned home, Monday.

Bert Dunn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas were guests Sunday of Roger Thurston and wife.

Benjamin Russell and party from So. Paris were hunting at C. Pond the first of the week.

Fred Grover was at Rumford, Monday.

Irving Hanson, wife and daughter, who have been visiting at Y. A. Thurston's, returned home, Monday. Mr. Hanson carried an eight point buck with him that he shot at C. Pond last week.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club held its first meeting, Saturday evening at Mr. C. A. Rand's. Nineteen members were present. Prizes were won by Mrs. C. A. Rand and G. J. Swett, 1st; and Mrs. Smith and G. A. Rand, 2nd. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. E. Bedell, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Roger Thurston were at Rumford, Monday.

The schools in town will close Friday for a three weeks' vacation.

Miss Bertha Poor leaves this week for Florida where she has work for the winter.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church held their annual sale in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th. The ladies in charge of the booths were: Fancy work: Mrs. Frank Newton, Mrs. Fred Milton, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. Abbie Poor. Approns: Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Mrs. Girdler Swett and Mrs. R. A. Grover. Candles: Mrs. Arthur Lang, Ethel McAllister and Ellen Akers. Christmas Tree Mysteries: Mrs. I. E. Mills, Mrs. Frank McAllister. Williams Toilet Goods: Evelyn Smith and Alice Andrews. A harvest supper was served in the lower hall from 6 to 8 o'clock with Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Olive Dräser and Mrs. Albert Grossman in charge. About seventy dollars was realized from the sale.

A variety shower was given Miss Geneva Burgess, Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Thomas. About thirty friends were present and enjoyed the evening very much. Delicate refreshments were served. Miss Burgess received many nice presents.

Sadie Bailey is spending a few days with Mrs. Lucy Elliott at North Rumford.

Mr. A. J. Marble from Rumford Point was in town last week, buying sheep.

Mrs. Lucy Elliott of North Rumford was in town, Monday.

The King's Daughters will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Grover.

Geo. Learned shot two nice deer at C. Pond last week.

Jesse Glover and wife visited at Sylvanus Learned's, Sunday.

account by the practical farmer, are omitted from the following statement. The items included are amount paid for sheep, cost of labor in care of sheep and growing crops for the sheep, cost of purchased food and fair allowance for hay and straw fed, the cost of dips and other medicines, and the cost of the seed for crops. The 75 sheep, with their 55 lambs and three purebred bucks, cost, including freight, \$765.15.

These ewes were to be two and three years old. Some of them were eight years old. Each was to have at least one lamb. There were only 55 lambs for the 75 ewes. At the valuation put upon the sheep at inventory in 1915, these sheep were worth at time of purchase, \$515, or \$140.15 less than we paid. In the following account, this item of \$140.15 is deducted from the expense account as perhaps not being a fair charge against the experiment, for possibly another buyer might have purchased his sheep at our inventory price. The sheep are credited with lambs, with sheep and wool sold, with manure produced and with inventory (June 30, 1915) of 61 ewes three years or more old, 22 yearling ewes, three bucks, 42 ewe lambs and 31 buck lambs.

The cost for seed, sheep, food, labor and medicines, aggregated, \$1808.63 for the year ending June 30, 1915. The sales and inventory aggregated \$1048.87. The total loss after making all allowances and without any consideration of overhead charges, depreciation of plant, rent of land, interest on investment, or taxes that a farmer would pay, was \$287.70, or about \$3.45 for each of the old ewes.

The wool and lambs were sold as well as the ordinary farmer could expect. The most noticeable leak is in the val-

ue of the manure. Sheep manure is quite concentrated, but it freezes readily. In 1914-15, the manure was handled as is common, so far as our experience goes, with sheep men in Maine. But the plant food in the consumed food was worth more than \$150, while we could not value the manure for use on the land at more than \$24. In 1915-16 the manure will be removed, together with the bedding, monthly, and kept under cover for hogs to work on. It is hoped that this practice will conserve the plant food better than was the case in 1914-15.

This is not the place to give the details of labor and food consumed. But these have been tabulated, and if anyone is interested, copies may be had on application to the undersigned at Orono. Helpful criticisms and suggestions for changes in management will be welcomed. The writer would be very glad if a way can be found that will show sheep husbandry to be profitable for this state.

There were a number of things, such as lateness of the time the sheep were received, and the too old ewes, with the consequent smaller fleece and reduced lamb production, that interfered with this being a fair test. Because of that, the experiment was started all over again July 1 of the present year. The older sheep were disposed of, the yearling lambs will be bred, enough of the ewe lambs were kept to replace the ewes that should be removed another year. These are all inventoried at meat prices. Barring accidents, there would seem to be no reason why the sheep will not have the best possible chance to make good this year. If they do not, it would seem as though there is a reason entirely independent of losses by dogs for the number of sheep

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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the dishonest methods by which trade is sought through cutting prices on standing articles of merchandise and "making it up" on inferior goods which are sold at prices far above their value. The sentiment among the Congressmen who have returned to Washington, clearly indicates that they feel that the time has come for the federal government to help enforce respectability in merchandising in the interest of the consumer, and in the aid of the country merchant, who is being driven out by the mail order and catalogue houses. The evidence is all to the effect that the small merchant must do his business in a fair and square manner, in order to hold the patronage of the public. On the other hand, this same exacting public follows the lure of fictitious "bargains", and whether it be in his Christmas shopping, or at any other period of the year, the number of people who make their money at home and send away for goods, is constantly increasing. The small merchants all handle brands of nationally known goods which are called for by name by their customers. Now Congress, through the Stevens bill, proposes to stop the catalogue and mail order houses, and some of the large city stores, from using cut-throat methods in handling established lines of goods as a bait in moving inferior articles. The results of investigations by the Bureau of Corporations and Federal Trade Commission, as well as the report of a committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, all find in favor of consistent regulation of resale prices. And when this is done, the small town will, in a measure, come into its own.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON.

The leaders of the woman's suffrage movement have evidently not been disheartened by reason of adverse results in the fall elections, and a campaign is under way at the national capital to center efforts upon Congress. The suffragists wish to secure an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will give full and nationwide enfranchisement to women. There will be requisite a two-thirds vote of each of the houses, after which the amendment would go to each of the States for ratification. When two-thirds of the States have accepted an amendment the fact is duly promulgated and the law becomes effective.

The suffrage leaders can do business much better with small bodies than with large ones, and they therefore feel that more could be done by the national movement, as Congress would pass the measure along to the States, and the suffragists would concentrate their efforts upon one legislature after another until they had secured thirty-six ratifications.

The attitude of many of the administration leaders is in opposition to this program, and among those who are opposed is President Wilson, who insists that the States should take the matter up and settle it. In view of the recent elections the women are hardly satisfied with this method. They ascribe their defeat to various causes and the woman's Congressional Union, which has taken upon itself the responsibility for fostering the movement in Washington, is giving plenty of signs of activity. A good many Congressmen who have been prominent in the suffrage cause, have rather weakened in their activity since the recent elections.

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LOCKE'S MILLS.

King Bartlett of Norway has moved his family here. Mr. Bartlett is the new station agent.

Leslie Davis' brother from Hanover visited with him over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Band, Curtis Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farrington and daughter, Ruth, were in Norway, Friday, to attend the picture play, "The Birth of a Nation."

Mrs. George Tirrell and son, Lewis, were guests of friends in South Paris the week end.

Frank Cummings of Milton, was in town, Sunday.

The teachers of Bethel and Greenwood met at the schoolhouse, Friday afternoon, and held a very interesting teachers' meeting.

Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel preached at the Union Church, Sunday.

George Tuttle was in Norway, Friday.

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MESA VERDE DISCOVERIES.

Enos Mills, Rocky Mountain Naturalist, Describes Results of Excavations. Under A Great Mound—Splendid Prehistoric Structure of Cut and Polished Stone, Probably a Fortress in Prehistoric Days.

"The exploring excavations in the Mesa Verde National Park which the Department of the Interior is conducting under the direction of Dr. Jesse W. Fowkes, of the Smithsonian Institution, are successful to a degree scarcely anticipated when the work was begun."

Thus said Enos Mills, author and naturalist, when interviewed at his home under the shadow of Long's Peak. He has recently returned from an examination of the work so far accomplished by the busy scientists.

"The new excavation," continued Mr. Mills, "is across the canyon from the famous Cliff Palace. This palace, as the remarkable prehistoric city is foolishly called, stands beneath the rim of the east side of the canyon, while the astonishing structure first unearthed stands upon the rim of the west side. Of Cut and Polished Stone."

"For many years visitors to the Mesa Verde National Park have noticed a huge mound opposite the Cliff Palace with trees growing upon it. It has aroused a great deal of curiosity, and many have been the speculations concerning its meaning, especially when stones were discovered emerging from it that evidently had been cut by tools in the hands of man. It is this mound which the Department of the Interior determined to explore and under which Dr. Fowkes has just found the most remarkable prehistoric structure north of the Aztec architecture in Mexico."

"This splendid structure is of cut and polished stone. The building has the form of a capital D. The straight elevation is 123 feet long and the curved part 245 feet. The outer walls are double, and between them are a series of narrow rooms. As the outer walls are unbroken, the entrance to this building must have been either subterranean or by the means of ladders through the top."

Dr. Fowkes' Theory.
"Dr. Fowkes believes the ruin was an uncompleted fortress abandoned when the cliff dwellers disappeared from the Rocky Mountain region. He does not think the cliff dwellers were exterminated, however, but believes that, about the time they abandoned their unfinished fortress they had become strong enough to leave their mountain refuges and mingle with the tribes of the lowlands. After that, perhaps, they became amalgamated with the various Indian races and lost their separate identity."

"At Mesa Spring, a short distance from these ruins, there are a number of other tree-grown mounds very similar in appearance to the one just excavated. Here and there cut stones are exposed in these. It is possible that there is a buried city beneath these mounds. Dr. Fowkes hopes next year to find whether or not there is a buried and prehistoric city concealed beneath."

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My erring, youthful steps to guide,
Oh do not smile because I weep,
I'm lonely since my mother died.

I'm lonely since my mother died,
Though friends and kindred gather near,
I cannot check the rising sigh,
Nor stay the silent, heartfelt tear.

You may not deem it brave or strong
To let these tears so often flow,
But those who've lost a mother's love
Can tell the pain of my and woe.
Could I but call her back again,
And kneel once more down by her side,
I'd love her better than before,
I'm lonely since my mother died.

O, you, who have a mother dear,
Let not a word or act give pain;
But cherish, love her with your life,
You ne'er can have her like again.
Then when she's called from you away
Across death's dark and troubled tide,
In pain with me, you need not say:
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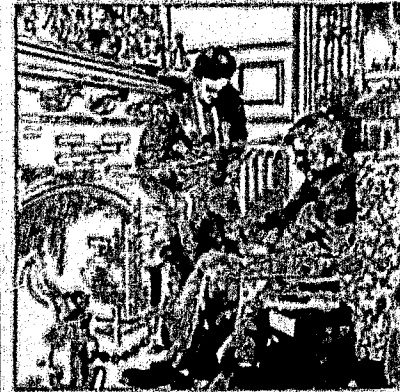
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We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Miss Alice Willis was in Auburn the first of the week.

The Weellafallot Whist Club met with Mrs. Harry Brown last Friday evening.

Miss Maria Reese, who has been spending a few weeks in Boston, has returned to Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Dec. 14.

Miss Kathryn Bryant of Bangor is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in town.

Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd., has returned from New York and Boston, where he has been spending a few weeks.

Mr. Albert Burke has opened a plumbing shop in the rear of Chas. L. Davis's shop on Main street.

Mr. Dan Smith had the misfortune to hurt his ankle quite badly while working at Bryant's Pond, last week.

Mr. Wallace A. Merrill of Portland is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ellen A. Merrill.

The Rumford Falls Times has the following: "The school children of Ogunness have sent a fine Christmas tree to Francis Woodrow Sayre, grandson of President Wilson. Contributions from them raised 208 pennies to pay the express. The tree was set up in the school yard; the children danced about it and each one kissed a tip of a branch. Lucille Whittier, one of the pupils, and a friend of the tree, placed the tag on the tree, which bore the address and the inscription of the donors. It is said that moving picture photographers took views for the Pathé News. At all events the tree was photographed and the children marched to the train with the tree. The idea was originated by the teacher, Miss Edith Farwell, of Bethel."

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Miss Mae Wiley was in Norway, Friday.

Dr. J. G. Gehring was in Boston a few days recently.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring has been spending a few weeks in Boston.

Mr. Frank Robertson of Portland was visiting relatives in town last week.

Mr. W. J. Upson has returned from Boston, where he has been spending a few days.

Sheriff Harry Hastings and Claud Goddard went to Berlin, Monday, returning in the afternoon.

Mr. B. W. Kimball left Thursday for the Magalloway region for the winter, as scaler for the Berlin Mills Co.

Mr. Clyde Lowe and Miss Marjorie Lapham of Bryant's Pond were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. O. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at Paris the first of the week.

Mr. Chester Wheeler won first on cream and second on dairy butter at the Maine Dairymen Association meeting in Lewiston, recently.

Among those who are attending the State Grange in Portland this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason, Rev. J. H. Little, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell, Mrs. Fred Taylor.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Thursday afternoon at 2.30 instead of the usual hour. The ladies are requested to come prepared to make candy bags for the Christmas tree.

Three boys of Wolf Patrol, Troop II, of Bethel, Me., took quite a hike last Friday, when Robert Hanscom, Lawrence Kimball and Eugene Van Don Kerkhoven walked to the Ice Caves of Greenwood and back the same day, and voted it a fine tramp.

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THE HOME

Pleasant Reveries—

Dedicated to Tired
as they Join the
Circle at Evening

WHO WILL LET ME

I hear the bells; they ring
Like drops of shaken
I hear a hundred voices
"Old Christmas comes
And yet his feet go down
Unheard amid the din;
At every door his hand
But who will let him in?
I see him stand and kneel
I hear the tick o' the clock
Before the crow o' the
friend—
Now who will let him in?

He brings the glow of long
The silken-kiss of curls
When down the middle
addle

We led the rows of girls
Across our eyes a mist will
But not a mist of pain;
The world will range at
change.

But Christmas comes ag
His step is wearing slow,
But still our hearts will g
And bushes gleam and go,
For Christmas comes ag

The dearest things our
keep.

The deepest things of al
The thoughts that make
weep.

The flowers that never
The hope that guards the
wrong.

The peace we work to
The light that rises clear
When darkness folds us
The love that keeps us
friend.

The kindness that forgave,
The peace that comes to
friend—
'Twas Christmas lot then

I rise and gaze across the
The night is cold and bi
But yonder, see, a little li
Is burning, like a pray
Oh, some are high, and so
But all are mortal kin;
The stars look down, an
know

Which heart hath let him
I see him stand and kneel
I hear the tick o' the clock
Before the crow o' the
friend—
Now who will let him in?
—Canon Frederick La

CHRISTMAS JOY
To most children, and ind
to nearly everyone, Christ
best day, and the crowning
the year. The day longed
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land. Thanksgiving and the
July belong more especial
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tries and nations. From wh
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come—you have known and
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was starving to death. I
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strong enough to do work
taking five bottles I can
fully say I am well. I
twenty pounds."

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

WHO WILL LET HIM IN?

I hear the bells; they slide and fall
Like drops of shikon rain;
I hear a hundred voices call:
"Old Christmas comes again!"
And yet his feet go down the street
Unheard amid the din;
At every door his hand will beat,
But who will let him in?
I see him stand and knock, my friend,
I hear the tick o' the clock, my friend,
Before the crow o' the cock, my friend—
Now who will let him in?

He brings the glow of long ago,
The silken-kiss of curls,
When down 'the middle to the middle
We led the rows of girls.
Across our eyes a mist will rise,
But not a mist of pain;
The world will range and shift and change,
But Christmas comes again.
His step is wearing slow, my friend,
But still our hearts will go, my friend,
And blushing gleam and go, my friend—
For Christmas comes again.

The dearest things our hearts may keep,
The deepest things of all;
The thoughts that make us laugh or weep,
The flowers that never fall;
The hope that guards the world from wrong,
The peace we work to win;
The light that rises clear and strong
When darkness folds us in;
The love that keeps us brave, my friend,
The kindness that forgave, my friend,
The peace that comes to save, my friend—
'Twas Christmas let them in.

I rise and gaze across the night;
The night is cold and bare,
But yonder, see, a little light
Is burning, like a prayer!
Oh, some are high, and some are low,
But all are mortal kin;
The stars look down, and who may know
Which heart hath let him in?
I see him stand and knock, my friend,
I hear the tick o' the clock, my friend,
Before the crow o' the cock, my friend—
Now who will let him in?

—Canon Frederick Langbridge.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

To most children, and indeed, I think to nearly everyone, Christmas is the best day, and the crowning holiday of the year. The day longed for and anticipated by all who live in this broad land. Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July belong more especially to the American born, but Christmas belongs, and always has belonged to all countries and nations. From whatever land or country you, my sister, may have come—you have known and loved the Christmas season all your life. The Christmas spirit lives in all lands, by whatever name you may have known it. The real spirit of Christmas never changes. "Kris Kringle," "Santa Claus," "The Christ Child," all breathe forth the spirit of loving giving. Some people are trying to make us believe that the old Christmas spirit of love is lost in a spirit of mercenary exchange of gifts; but if we Mothers have done our part, our children have grown up with the love of giving as well as of receiving. Of course we

all love to receive gifts, for they tell us of the continued remembrance of our friends for us, even if we are no longer children.

CHRISTMAS CANDY.

Peanut Brittle—One pound of granulated sugar, melted in a skillet but not scorching. When melted, add a lump of butter, size of a walnut, and one quart of finely chopped peanuts. Stir well, and pour a little on a buttered board; roll thin with a buttered rolling pin, as it hardens quickly; continue until all is formed into sheets.

Peanut Creams—Break into a bowl the white of one egg; add one tablespoonful of orange juice, and into this gradually stir sufficient sugar to make a thick paste. Mix with it one teaspoonful of finely chopped peanuts. Form into balls, roll in pulverized sugar and lay on buttered dishes to dry. When dry, each can be dipped into melted chocolate if preferred.

Maple Caramels—Two cupsful of brown sugar, one and one-half cups of maple syrup, one-half cup of cream and one tablespoonful of butter. Test the cooking as for chocolate caramels. Pour on buttered shallow pans. Cut in squares when cool. Nuts can be sprinkled on the greased pan before pouring, or stirred into the caramel just before moving from the fire.

Chocolate Fudge—One-pound cake of chocolate, two pounds of granulated sugar, one cup of cream or rich milk, one teaspoonful of vanilla, a large-sized piece of butter, about an eighth of a pound, a good-sized pinch of salt. Dissolve the chocolate over the tea kettle, then mix with it the sugar and cream and return to the stove. After it comes to a boil, stir in the butter and salt. Boil until the mixture forms a very soft ball when dropped in ice water. It should have just consistency enough not to go to pieces when picked up. Beat vigorously, stirring in the vanilla when the candy has cooled slightly. Pour into buttered pans, and when almost set, mark in squares with a knife. This is also an excellent icing for chocolate cake.

Opera Caramels—Two cups sugar, three-quarters cup thin cream, butter the size of a walnut, one teaspoonful vanilla. Place ingredients in a granite saucepan and bring slowly to a boil. Cook until candy forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from fire and place pan of hot candy in a pan of cold water for three minutes. Stir until creamy. Pour onto a buttered pan and cut into squares.

Cocoa Nut Caramels—Use above recipe, and when ready to stir, add one cup shredded cocoanut.

Nut Chocolate Caramels—Three teaspoonfuls butter, one-half cup milk, two cups molasses, three squares chocolate, one cup brown sugar, one-half pound black walnuts chopped. Cook the same as above caramels.

Old-fashioned Caramels—One-half pound chocolate, one-half pint cream, one-half pound sugar, three-quarters cup syrup, two teaspoonfuls butter. Melt the chocolate, add sugar, cream and syrup, and when boiling, add the butter. Stir all the while, test in cold water, and when it forms a hard ball, remove from the fire. Pour into an oiled platter to the depth of one-half inch. When cool, cut in squares and wrap in paraffine paper.

RUMFORD POINT.

Now the law is on deer, people can go into the woods and cut their winter fire wood without fear of being shot by deer hunters.

J. F. Martin, Forest Ladd, J. H. and E. B. Martin and Dwight Elliott are cutting and yarding pulp.

Elton Knight is moving into camp on Horse Shoe Valley, where he has a pulp job.

A. B. Stearns and G. P. Hoyt are building a mill near A. B. Hoyt's.

NORTH NEWRY.

R. W. Kilgore spent Sunday night and Monday with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Jr., at Middle Intervale.

Azel Wilson of Wilson's Mills was a guest at R. W. Kilgore's, Friday night.

Miss Carrie Wright came home, Sunday, for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Philip Lawson, born Dec. 14.

B. J. Eames and family called at W. B. Wright's, Sunday.

See the new handkerchiefs at L. M. STEARNS.



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HANOVER.

This community was saddened Sunday morning when word came that Mrs. A. T. Powers had passed away at McCarty's hospital at Rumford. Wednesday afternoon she submitted to an operation hoping to better her condition but she failed gradually till the end came. She will be missed in the neighborhood, where she was always ready to help in times of sickness or whenever needed, also in the Grange where she was a willing worker and most of all in her home. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Lewis Andrews, of South Paris, one young son, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Win Thayer, also of South Paris, and besides these a large circle of friends. Funeral services were held at the house, Tuesday, at one o'clock.

Mrs. Lilla Andrews is in town, called here by the death of her mother.

Lester Richardson has gone to Massachusetts, where he will have employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns entertained a party at progressive whist, Dec. 8. C. F. Saunders and Gladys Davis won first prizes, Miss Grace Parker and Walter Florio second. Refreshments were served after which Miss Ethel Warren entertained the company with several selections on the piano.

Eli Stearns has let his span of work horses to Eddie Barker for the winter. Several from here visited the school at Rumford Point, Friday.

Mrs. Rob Thurston was with her sister, Mrs. Elson Hammons, the week end.

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EAST SUMNER.

Friends and neighbors to the number of about one hundred met at the Grange Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 17, to give a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bonney on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bonney were invited to spend the evening with a friend and later invited to the hall where their friends were assembled.

They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. W. Stetson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keene, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cobb, after which all listened to instrumental music and solos by E. R. H. Stetson, an original poem by Mrs. Eastman, duet by Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Stetson, recitations by W. H. Eastman and Horton Buck, R. O. Stephens, then in behalf of friends, presented them with a generous sum of money in silver. Then all repaired to the dining room where assorted cakes and delicious ice cream was served by the young ladies present. This was followed by a sociable, old and young participating, until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Bonney are highly respected in this town, where they were born and always lived. The best wishes of a host of friends followed them to their home hoping to meet with them on their fiftieth anniversary.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Harry King was in this place on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Howard Bailey and baby, Bruce, have gone to Belknap, N. H., where Mr. Bailey has employment for the winter.

H. M. Kendall hauled a load of pressed hay to Fred Kilgore, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nowlin and two children called at J. J. Spence's, Sunday.

Eli Stearns was in this place, Monday, on business.

Chas. Frost was in this place, Saturday.

Miss Agnes Frost spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harry Williamson.

Ellis Kendall spent Sunday with her parents.

Otto Lane is cutting wood for R. L. Foster.

H. M. Kendall has a Mr. Cummings helping him.

Sewall Walker has a new horse.

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CANTON.

Miss Alice Briggs of Livermore visited friends in town, Wednesday.

Mrs. Simeon B. Ellis and son, Ansel Ellis, took part in the entertainment given by the pupils of Miss M. Louise Staples at Rumford, Tuesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist Church met Thursday with Mrs. C. C. Rowe.

Swaney Wadlin is at home from Hobron Academy for the holidays.

Miss Nina Russell, Miss Ethel Russell and Ned Russell are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell.

Geo. L. Wadlin has been in Portland the past week, serving on the jury at the U. S. District Court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Forhan are visiting in Portland and No. Billerica, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Towle entertained at a Christmas dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. House and children, Howard Hanson and family and Mrs. Eliza Burnham of North Turner and Mrs. Walter Wood of Auburn.

The horse of B. C. Walte ran away Sunday forenoon at Gilbertville, smashing the sleigh badly, but Mr. Walte escaped serious injury. The horse was caught by J. S. Barker.

Mrs. Eliza Ford of Hartford has received word of an accident to her grandson, Carl Ford, who was seriously injured in the head during a football game at college. Mr. Ford is the son of Frank Ford, formerly of Hartford. He was about to graduate from college. His home is in Philadelphia.

Miss Mattie Hall of Andover has been a guest of Mrs. R. A. Barrows and friends at Gilbertville.

Canton Encampment elected officers, Friday evening as follows:—C. P. Har-old B. Gilbert; H. P. O. M. Richardson; S. W. H. E. Parsons; J. W. Shor-man Dillon; Scribner, E. B. Woodward; Treasurer, H. A. Sweet.

Mrs. Estelle Bartlett went to Farmington last week with the little child of her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Crocker. The child will board for the winter with Lulu Spencer.

A fine Christmas entertainment and tree laden with gifts was held Friday evening at the Gilbertville schoolhouse. A large number were in attendance.

A union Christmas tree will be held at the United Baptist Church, Friday evening.

Mrs. Harriet Reynolds has been visiting at the home of her nephew, John N. Foye, and wife.

Mrs. Grace Whitfield Palmer of Hollis, who was thrown from an auto recently, injuring her head, is reported to be more comfortable, but it is thought she will be obliged to go to a hospital for treatment. Mrs. Palmer is a granddaughter of Mrs. Lucy A. Davis of Canton, where she has visited frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight A. Bisbee are attending the State Grange at Portland this week.

Mrs. Winfield Rose of Kennebago is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Reed and family. She brought a nice deer home with her which she shot.

Mrs. Mary Martin has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Godding, at Rumford.

Harris Jones is residing at the north terminal station in Boston during the heavy mail season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Partridge left for Norway, Saturday, to spend their vacation.

J. L. Gammon has returned from his hunting trip with two deer, A. P. Hayford two, Morris Bryant two, and C. B. Heald one.

Mrs. C. E. Richardson and Miss Mary Richardson are at Portland, attending the State Grange and visiting Geo. E. Grover, who is attending Gray's Business College.

Evergreen Chapter elected the following officers last week:—W. M. Mrs. Clara Mendall; W. P. John Briggs; A. M. Mrs. H. A. Eastman; Sec. Calob H. Mendall; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Bicknell; Cond. Miss Florence Childs; Asso. Cond. Miss Agnes Heald; Executive Committee, Mrs. E. C. Briggs, Mrs. Martha Childs and Cyrus T. Bonney.

Mrs. Mary A. Robinson has returned home from an extended visit in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Arthur Tyler and child have been visiting relatives in Wolf.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. A. E. Johnson.

George Lavergna is at home from Hobron for the holidays.

Gustavus Hayford, who has been at Kennebago the past summer, is spending a short time with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. H. Johnson, and family.

Miss Ethel Hutchinson has been visiting her uncle, A. T. Reynolds, and wife, of Gardiner.

Ruth Richardson, Ada Bonney and Mildred Richardson are at home from Leavitt Institute for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. John Lavergna has been spending a few days with her husband at Bethel.

Frank Elroy Bicknell, one of Canton's esteemed citizens, passed away

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OXFORD.

Wednesday after a lingering illness of diabetes. Mr. Bicknell was born in Canton and was 63 years of age. He was the eldest son of the late Simeon Bicknell and Alvira Hayford Bicknell, and his entire life has been spent in Canton.

He married Miss Rosella Ellis, a daughter of William Ellis and Amanda Jones Ellis, who survives him. They had one child, Albert S. Bicknell, who married Miss Viola Foster and lives in Canton. Mr. Bicknell is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. O. Holt of Lewiston, and Miss A. C. Bicknell of Canton; and one brother, James W. Bicknell of Canton, and six grandchildren.

The death of Mr. Bicknell occurred on the 40th anniversary of his marriage. He was a worthy member of Anasagunticook Lodge, I. O. O. F., Canton Encampment, Canton Grange, Penobscot Rebekah Lodge, and of Whitney Lodge, F. & A. M. The funeral was held at the home Sunday at 12 o'clock, Rev. E. W. Swift officiating. Preceding the funeral a delegation from Anasagunticook Lodge and Penobscot Rebekah Lodge marched to the home in a body to take a last farewell of their brother and friend. The floral tributes were in abundance and included pieces from Canton Encampment, Anasagunticook Lodge, Penobscot Rebekah Lodge, Whitney Lodge, F. & A. M., Canton Grange, and Byron Greenough Co., of Portland.

The bearers were J. C. Bicknell, Virgil Fletcher, Cleon Fletcher and F. C. Helyer. Interment was at Pine Woods Cemetery. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Edwin Thompson of Auburn, Mrs. Esther Reed of Livermore Falls and Joseph O'Neil of Portland.

At the annual session of the Grand Division of Maine held in Portland, Saturday, Mrs. Kate Starbird was elected grand worthy associate, Mrs. Georgia Cash, grand scribe, George J. Parrott, grand treasurer and Rev. Malcolm MacKay, grand chaplain.

The Methodist Sunday school will observe Christmas with an entertainment and tree on Saturday evening. The Congregational Christmas entertainment and tree will be held in the church, Friday evening.

The Oxford schools have closed for the Christmas vacation.

There was a dance and oyster supper in the hall, Wednesday evening. Paris have been assigned for the high school drama to be given for the benefit of the baseball club.

Ona Whyte entertained a few friends at what, Thursday evening.

Miss Eva Bear of Bethel is visiting Marion Starbird.

Isabelle Parrott is spending the Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parrott.

Among Christmas shoppers in Lewiston, Saturday were Mrs. Pearl Holden, Mrs. William Bonney, Mrs. Lilla Kay and daughter, Beatrice Kay, Ethel Jean, Mrs. Jason Adams.

Fred Pottle, Harold Hall, Iola Haskell, Marion Starbird and Doris Andrews are home from Colby College.

Edna Towne is spending a short vacation with her mother.

W. E. Boyd was in Portland, Saturday.

Miss Helen Akers and Miss Vera Paine, teachers in the village schools, have returned to their homes for the Christmas vacation.

James Glover, who has been ill with blood poison, is on the gain.

Elinor McAllister was in Portland the past week.

George H. Jones was in Lewiston, Friday.

Katie Caulton was in Lewiston, Friday.

Wilfred Perkins is having his residence wired for electric lights.

Mattie Andrews was called to Portland, Wednesday, by the illness of her sister, Mary Andrews.

Roy Edwards has returned from a hunting trip.

Arthur Walker was in Lewiston, Wednesday.

Henry Kay made a business trip to Philadelphia the past week.

Messrs. Draper of Boston have been the guests of J. L. Robinson the past week.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

HOW TO RAISE POTATOES IN
1916 WITHOUT POTASH.The following was made public re-
cently by Charles D. Woods, director of
the Maine Agricultural Experiment
Station at the University of Maine:Potatoes are the chief cash crop
grown in Maine. It is of first impor-
tance for the grower to have what facts
are available relative to the likelihood
of obtaining a crop of 1916 without the
application of potash. Foreseeing the
possibility that the fertilizer in 1916
would contain very little, if any, potash,
the Maine Agricultural Experiment
Station began in 1915 at Arrows-
took Farm a series of experiments to
determine the effect of different
amounts of potash. Four different mix-
tures were used. In each case the fertil-
izer contained 4 per cent of nitrogen
(5 per cent of ammonium), of which one-
third was in the form of nitrate of so-
da, and 8 per cent of available phos-
phoric acid. The potash varied as fol-
lows: On one plot there was none, on
another 2 per cent, on another 5 per
cent and on another 8 per cent. The
plots were one-half acre each and they
were planted in duplicate. The land
had been in grass for two years, one
year in oats and the year before that
had been in potatoes. No fertilizer had
been used since the potato crop of 1911.
In each case the fertilizer was applied
at the time of planting, at the rate of
1500 pounds per acre. Other than the
amount of potash used, all the plots
were treated exactly alike.Throughout the growing season the
vines on both the no potash plots were
a distinctly brighter green and had a
thriftier look than on the adjoining
plots. The difference was so marked
that it attracted much attention from
visitors at the farm. Although some
slight irregularities occurred in the
yield from the different plots, the aver-
age figures show fairly consistent in-
creases with the increase in potash.
The plots without potash yielded 110
barrels or 302 bushels of merchantable
potatoes. The plots with 2 and 5 per
cent potash gave practically the same
yields of 116 barrels or 320 bushels per
acre. The 8 per cent potash plot aver-
aged to yield 120 barrels or 331 bushels
per acre. This is an increase of 10
barrels from the 8 per cent plot over
the no potash plots. This amount is
undoubtedly large enough to be signifi-
cant and to indicate that the potash
increases the yield of potatoes in
Arrows-took County. On the other hand,
110 barrels (302 bushels) per acre is a
good yield—considerably above the av-
erage and nearly double the average
in the county in 1915. So far as the re-
sults of this one year are concerned,
they indicate that a profitable yield of
potatoes can be obtained on Arrows-
took soils without the addition of potash
for at least one year. In a few farmers
trials made by the various fertilizer
companies, in which no exact records
were made, satisfactory results were
obtained without the use of potash by
all of the growers from whom the Sta-
tion has heard. Quite a number of
farmers tested mixtures containing
varying amounts of nitrogen, phos-
phoric acid and without potash. The
consensus of opinion seems to be that
a 5 per cent ammonia and 10 per cent
phosphoric acid gave on the whole the
best yields. Based upon the reports of
these trials, a good many of the fertil-
izer companies are increasing the
amount of phosphoric acid the present
year. Fertilizers that normally car-
ried 8 per cent will in 1916 carry 10
per cent available phosphoric acid. To
the writer this increase in phosphoric
acid does not seem to be necessary.Outside of the special fertilizer ex-
perimental plots at Arrows-took Farm and
at Highmore Farm the fertilizer to be
used in 1916 will carry 5 per cent
ammonia (with one-third of the nitro-
gen in the form of nitrate of soda), 8
per cent available phosphoric acid, and
no potash.Experiments at Massachusetts, how-
ever, indicate that available phosphoric
acid hastens the development of the
plants at the beginning of the season
and that would seem to be borne out
by the farmers' experiences cited above
where they had compared 10 per cent
available phosphoric acid against 8 per
cent available phosphoric acid. The
fertilizer companies state that the dif-
ference in cost between a fertilizer car-
rying 5 per cent and one carrying 10
per cent available phosphoric acid in
1916 will not exceed \$1.00 per ton. It
may be that this added phosphoric acid
may be found profitable. Based on the
1915 results at Arrows-took Farm it
would not pay any man to buy potash

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.at the present price of \$5 per unit, even
if it could be obtained. The increase
of 10 barrels of potatoes per acre where
8 per cent of potash was used over
where none was used was worth at
harvest about \$15. Eight per cent pot-
ash, if it could be had, would cost not
less than \$20 per acre for 1500 pounds
of fertilizer, which is twice the value
of the increased crop.For potash liberators the evidence is
preponderant in favor of nitrate of so-
da. There is little evidence that com-
mon salt free from any perceptible amount
of potash which will become available
to the potato crop. Gypsum (calcium
sulphate) probably will help render
the potash available. A fertilizer car-
rying 5 per cent of ammonia, in which
one-third of the nitrogen is in the form
of nitrate of soda, and carrying 8 or 10
per cent of available phosphoric acid,
will have theoretically enough sodium
from the sodium nitrate and calcium
from the calcium sulphate (gypsum),
to liberate enough potash for a maxi-
mum crop of potatoes.The Station, therefore, advises the
use of 1500 to 2000 pounds of a fertiliz-
er carrying 5 per cent of ammonia
with one-third of the nitrogen in the
form of nitrate of soda and 8 per cent
or even 10 per cent of available phos-
phoric acid and no potash for 1916.
With people who have been getting
good results from a fertilizer carrying
4 per cent of ammonia 4-10-0 fertiliz-
er would probably prove satisfactory.

ROADS ON THE FARM.

Should Be Located With Reference to
Efficiency of Farm Plant—Construc-
tion and Maintenance.The private roads on the farm differ
in general from the public roads only
in the amount and kind of traffic which
they carry. The fundamental principles
involved in their construction and
maintenance are the same. But, as the
farm road is called on to bear far less
traffic, the ordinary methods of con-
struction and maintenance are so mod-
ified and the use of materials so adapt-
ed as to meet the special requirements
and reduce the cost. To build the farm
roads in the same manner as public
thoroughfares, which carry much great-
er traffic, in general would be a useless
waste of money.The first consideration is the location
of the roads and paths about the farm.
The roads and paths are a part of the
permanent farm plant. Consequently
they should be so located as to best
serve the purpose for which they are
intended, should fit it with the general
scheme of the farm, and at the same
time should avoid as much as possible
places which would require difficult and
expensive construction or maintenance.
The main consideration, however, must
be to secure the highest degree of ef-
ficiency from the farm plant as a whole.The earth road is the most common
type of farm road and will probably
be so for many years. When properly
crowned, drained, and maintained with the
split-log drag or other similar device,
the earth road, on all but a few excep-
tional soils or in a few places immediately
around the farm lots and buildings,
can be made to answer the require-
ments fairly well. A little grading
will in general give the earth road a
crown sloping from the center toward
the side ditches at a rate of about 1
inch to the foot, and side ditches of
sufficient size to carry away the storm
water can usually be constructed with-
out difficulty. If the ground is springy
the side ditches may be made deeper,
or the ground water may be carried
away by tile drains.The fundamental requirement of an
earth road is always good drainage.
This involves, first, the removal of the
water which reaches the surface of the
road from precipitation or otherwise;
and second, in certain places the re-
moval of any ground water which
reaches the road from underground
seepage. Surface drainage is accom-
plished by securing a reasonably firm
crowned roadway and providing ditch-
es of sufficient size and with ample
grade and frequent outlets. Sub-drain-
age to remove the water from beneath
the road surface or to prevent its pas-
sage into the roadbed is usually accom-
plished most effectively by so-called
blind drains or by means of properly
located tile drains.Roads and drives immediately around
the farm yards and barns which are
used very frequently are usually of
sufficient importance to warrant some
surface improvement. Very light or
extremely sandy soils cut up badly in
dry weather, while certain heavy andabsorbent soils become very sticky and
soft during the rainy season. Where
any considerable amount of hauling is
necessary, roads over soils of this char-
acter may require to be surfaced.Many of the materials ordinarily em-
ployed in road construction will be
found too expensive for use in improv-
ing the farm roads. One or more of
the following will, however, usually be
found available and within the means
of the farmer for surfacing his roads
and paths: Gravel, mixture of sand and
clay, clinders, brickbats from old build-
ings, brick-yard waste, and quarry
waste. The material selected should,
however, be hard enough to withstand
crushing under heavy loads and pos-
sess sufficient binding power to com-
pact well and maintain a firm, hard
surface under all ordinary weather con-
ditions.Drainage and a good foundation are
the first considerations in improving
a road with a hard surface. The best
possible foundation is a good earth
road with a low crown. Earth should
be graded upon each side to pre-
vent the surfacing material from
spreading, as in the construction of
an ordinary macadam road. The mat-
erial used for surfacing should be
placed in a uniform layer or layers on
this foundation and should be given a
sufficient crown to shed the rain waters
to the sides. If a road roller can be
secured the material may be quickly
consolidated, otherwise considerable
time will be required for it to be con-
solidated by the traffic. During this
process the road should receive fre-
quent attention with a split-log drag
or other means for smoothing the sur-
face and filling the ruts. On steep
grades where there would be a ten-
dency for the side ditches to wash,
this can usually be overcome by pro-
viding outlets and getting the water
away from the road before it accumu-
lates in large volume. On roads where
wagons will not be required to pass
each other, a width of from 8 to 12
feet between ditches will usually be
sufficient. The surfaced portion need
rarely exceed 7 or 8 feet. There is no
particular virtue in building a farm
road wider than is necessary to answer
the special traffic requirements. The
need or desirability of moving occa-
sionally extra wide or heavy imple-
ments, over the roads should, however,
not be lost sight of. A little foresight
in the alignment of ditches, in provid-
ing ample width of gates, or of giving
extra strength to culverts, may save a
great deal of both annoyance and de-
lay during some very busy period.For surfacing footpaths, gravel, mix-
tures of sand and clay, and clinders
will, in general, give good satisfaction.
In surfacing a path with any of these
materials it is well to have in mind
that the service the path is to perform
is to provide a firm, smooth, and dry
surface for pedestrians. To provide a
firm surface the material selected must
bond well under all conditions of
weather, and to remain smooth and dry
a reasonably unyielding foundation
should be provided and the drainage
must be good. Too often the mistake
is made of building the path so low
that it becomes a drainage channel in
wet weather. The path should always
be slightly above the surface of the
ground, or else gutters of sufficient size
to carry the water should be provid-
ed. Concrete makes a most excellent
walk and is now widely used for this
purpose. Full details as to mixing and
placing concrete for walks and other
uses on the farm are given in Farmers'
Bulletin No. 461, "The Use of Concrete
on the Farm," which may be had free
from the Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

WILL IT PAY?

Many Maine people are undoubtedly
asking themselves this question, "Will
it pay me to attend one or more of the
Short Winter Courses in Dairying, Gen-
eral Agriculture including crops, fertil-
izers and farm management, Horti-
culture and Poultry Management which
will be given at the College of Agri-
culture during January and February?"
This question has been answered in
the affirmative over and over again by
the practical results following the com-
pletion of one of these courses and al-
so by the letters of commendation re-
ceived from former students, hence the
writer has no hesitation in saying,
"Yes, it will pay."First, no tuition or registration fees
are charged. The only expenses in-
curred are railroad fare, room and
board.
Second, the courses are planned to be
extremely practical and deal with the
real problems and practices of farm-
ing included within the scope of the
course.
Third, the forenoons are given over
to class room work and the afternoons
are devoted to actual practice work.
The general plan of "learning by do-
ing" is thus combined with the spec-
ial and very definite instruction of the
"class room."There has probably never been a
time when on account of the fertilizer
and other questions the problems of
farming have been more acute than
they are now."Yes, it will pay to attend the Short
Winter Courses this year."These courses are attended by both
men and women. Each year young
men of 18 to 20, middle aged men of 50
to 60 as well as those of all ages be-
tween are in attendance. You will find
congenial, earnest, enthusiastic people
in attendance.Special evening lectures by persons
who are making a life study of farm
problems will be given. Conferences
for the discussion of matters of inter-
est to every farm man or woman by
the students in attendance will be held.
"It will pay."The courses in Dairying and Gen-
eral Agriculture will begin on the first
Monday evening in January and con-
tinue for four weeks. The work given
in these two courses are so arranged
that persons attending one course
may take all the work offered in the
other course during the forenoon, the
work in the afternoon being "practice
work" is entirely different.The courses in Horticulture and Poul-
try Management will begin on the first
Monday evening in February and hold
for three weeks. These courses are ar-
ranged so that a person in attendance
on one course may during the forenoon
take a few of the more important parts
of the other course. The afternoons
are devoted to practice work and are
therefore limited to persons registered
in the course.A circular description of these courses
has been prepared and will be for-
warded to all persons interested. Full
information concerning expenses, di-
rections for reaching Orono, registra-
tion, etc., is given in this circular. Any
one interested should write College of
Agriculture, Orono, Maine. Register
early as it is desirable for the Dean of
the College to know as early as pos-
sible the approximate registration in
order that plans may be fully made
for taking care of those who plan to
attend. "Will it pay?" The writer
unhesitatingly says "Yes."LEON S. MERRILL,
Dean, College of Agriculture.

HOW TO PACK POULTRY.

Specialists Recommend Methods of
Handling Poultry Under Adverse
Weather Conditions.Poultry packers are urged by the
specialists of the Department of Agri-
culture at Washington, D. C., to give
unusual attention to preparing and
packing their birds for shipment, par-
ticularly if the mild weather, which
has been widely prevalent this autumn,
continues. The poultry specialists say
that the weather conditions in many sec-
tions have been very similar to those
which prevailed in the autumn of 1913
and which, as poultry shippers will re-
member, proved disastrous to all pack-
ers who did not dress, chill, and pack
properly.The specialists, therefore, recommend
the particular observance of the fol-
lowing methods of handling dressed pol-
try, which are essential to a perfect
product at any time and are of vital im-
portance whenever weather conditions
are unfavorable:

Methods of Handling Dressed Poultry.

1. Keep the holding batteries for
your incoming stock clean, well aired,
and free from vermin, and see that the
chickens have plenty of fresh water
and plenty to eat.2. Don't kill a chicken when the
crop is full of feed. Give the chicken
only water for 24 hours before it is
killed. Food in the crop or in the in-
testines of a dressed chicken causes loss
of flavor and hastens decay, while more
than offsets any gain from extra weight.3. Good bleeding is absolutely essen-
tial to a good appearance on the mar-
ket and retards decay. Circular 61, Bu-
reau of Chemistry, Department of Agri-
culture, explains the best methods of
bleeding and loosening the feather
muscles for dry picking.4. Hang the chicken by both feet
while picking. Hanging by one leg
spoils the shape of the bird. Picking
on the lap gets the skin dirty and has-
tens decay.5. Dry pick if possible. Scalding is
particularly undesirable because it has-
tens decay.6. Chill every dressed bird until the
body temperature is below 35 degrees
F. Never pack or ship an imperfectly
chilled bird. More decay is due to im-
perfect chilling than to any other single
factor in dressing. Dry chill, if possible.
Chickens cooled in water lose flavor, de-
cay sooner, will not hold-store as satis-
factorily as dry-chilled, and are in ev-
ery way more undesirable on the mar-
ket. Refrigerator cars will carry well-
chilled goods in good condition, but
they can not chill warm goods to a suf-
ficiently low temperature.7. Pack in boxes or small kegs when-
ever possible. A large barrel makes an
undesirable package, because where
poultry is packed in large masses the
weight of the upper layers crushes the
birds at the bottom.8. Line all packages with parchment
paper and cover the top of the poultry
before the lid is put on.9. Wrap every head in suitable paper
so that blood from one bird will
not mar the appearance of another.10. Use only good refrigerator cars
and see that they are in good order.Ice and salt the car 24 hours before
loading. The car, at the end of 24
hours, should show a temperature be-
low 40 degrees F. at a point 4 feet above
the floor and between the doors.General Suggestions.
Never handle chickens roughly, either
before or after killing. Rough hand-
ling causes bruises, broken bones, scared
skins, and soft places in the flesh.
Undue haste on the part of the killers
and pickers results in lowered keeping
quality and poor appearance of the pro-
duct.Piecework, which leads to quantity
rather than quality, makes for lower
prices on the market. Those who pay
by the piece should remember that they
sell by the quality of the piece.These directions will apply with
equal force to turkeys intended for the
holiday market.

GREEN FEED IN WINTER.

Poultryman Should Have a Supply to
Last Through the Season, if Birds
Are Kept in Good Condition.Green feeds for poultry contain on-
ly a small percentage of actual food
nutrients, but are important because of
their succulence and bulk, which light-
en the grain rations and assist in
keeping the birds in good condition.
The poultryman should secure a suf-
ficient supply of such feeds to last
through the winter months in sections
where growing green feeds can not be
obtained. When chickens are fattened
without the use of milk, green feed
helps to keep them in good condition.Cabbages, mangold wurzels, clover,
alfalfa, and sprouted oats are the green
feeds commonly used during the win-
ter. Cabbages do not keep as well in
ordinary cellars as mangold wurzels, so
where both of these feeds are avail-
able the cabbages are fed first. They
are often suspended, while the mangold
wurzels are split and stuck on a nail
on the wall of the pen. Clover and
alfalfa may be fed as hay, cut into one-
half to 1 inch lengths, or may be
bought in the form of meal. Alfalfa
meal has a feeding analysis equal to
bran, but is not as digestible on ac-
count of its larger percentage of fiber.
Clover and alfalfa should be cut while
slightly immature, if they are to be
cured and fed to poultry. The leaves
and chaff from such hay are especial-
ly adapted for poultry feeding.Sprouted oats make a very good
green feed and are used quite exten-
sively in this country. The oats can
be soaked for 12 hours in warm water
and then spread out in a layer of from
one-half to 1 1/2 inches deep on a floor,
or in a tray or tier of slats, which have
openings or holes or a three-sixteenths
(3-16) inch mesh wire bottom, so that
the water drains freely. They may be
sprinkled daily and sprinkled, or allowed
to sprout without stirring, until ready
for feeding. They are usually fed when
the sprouts are from 1 to 1 1/2 inches
long, although some poultrymen prefer
to allow the sprouts to grow to 2 or 3
inches long. Oats need a moist and
warm atmosphere in which to sprout
quickly, so that it is necessary to fur-
nish heat or to keep them in a warm
room during the winter, while they
may be sprouted out of doors during
the rest of the year. It takes from 6
to 10 days to sprout oats, depending
on the temperature of the room. Oats
frequently become moldy while sprout-
ing. To prevent this, they may be treat-
ed with formalin, using 1 pint of for-
malin to 30 gallons of water, which is
sprinkled over and thoroughly mixed
with 30 bushels of oats. Cover the oats
with a blanket for 24 hours; then stir
until they are dry. Keep them in a sack
which has also been soaked in formal-
in. Oats thus treated and dried may
be held for a long time for sprouting.Where the double-yard system of
confining poultry is used, one of the
yards is kept in green feed, into which
the hens are turned when the crop at-
tains a height of 4 or 5 inches. This
method of alternately yarding poultry
furnishes green feed for the birds and
at the same time freshens the yard.
Rape, wheat, rye, oats, and barley are
usually sown for this purpose. Rye is
good for late fall and early spring
feeding, as it will live through the win-
ter in most sections. Oats, wheat, and
barley are used throughout the spring,
summer, and early fall. Several of
these grains may be sown together to
secure a greater variety of green feed,
and any quick-growing grains may be
used for this purpose.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Mr. Fred Haseltine of North Water-
ford was at Isaiah Haseltine's and
Geo. Briggs', recently, on business.Lester Swan was a caller at Locke's
Mills last Sunday.The Misses Nina Briggs and Annie
Cummings are at their homes for the
Christmas recess.Miss Allen Adams will spend Christ-
mas at her home in Stoneham.Mr. Eben Barker has moved his
family into his new camp near where
they were burned out recently.

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PORTLAND, MAINESIGN LANGUAGE OF
THE RED MEN.Some one has written for the Youth's
Companion descriptions of the various
signs used among the American In-
dians, who often say things in this
way rather than by words. Some of
these signs are as follows:Greeting—Push the closed right
hand, with the index finger extended,
diagonally upward past the chin and
the mouth.Come to me, or Hurry up!—Extend
the right arm horizontally, with the
fingers pointing downward, and rap-
idly open and close the fingers sever-
al times.Attention or question—Hold the right
hand, palm outward, with the fingers
and the thumb separated, well out in
front of the body, at the height of the
shoulder. This sign is often used to be-
gin a conversation.I understand—Throw the right for-
arm out in front of the body, with the
fingers closed, except the index finger,
which is curved and drawn back. This
sign is used occasionally while another
person is talking. It indicates that you
grasp or draw something toward you.
If you do not understand a given sign,
indicate it by the gesture for a ques-
tion.Where are you going?—Throw out the
closed right hand with the index fin-
ger extended, and make dots in the air
with the point of the index finger.I or me—Touch the breast with the
right index finger.Brave or strong—Hold the firmly
closed left hand in front of the body,
toward the right; bring the closed
right hand above and a little in front
of the left, and strike downward. This
gesture, vigorously made, intensifies
any previous statement or description.

Alone—Hold up the index finger.

On horseback—Place the first finger
and the second finger of the right
hand astride the left index finger,
with all other fingers closed. The mo-
tion of galloping may be made, or a
fall imitated, if desired.Tent—Bring both hands together
with the tips of the fingers touching,
to form a cone.House—Interlock the fingers of both
hands, and hold them at right angles.Camp—Make the sign for tent, then
form a circle with both arms and
hands in front of the body.City or village—Make the sign for
house, then the camp sign. If you wish
to say that you are going into camp, or
to tell the story of a journey, make
the sign for sleep, and hold up as many
fingers as the number of nights spent
or to be spent.Sleep—Incline the head to the right,
and rest it on the right palm.Time of day—Indicate the position
of the sun.Brother or cousin—Touch the tips
of the first and the second fingers to
the lips.Sister—The sign for brother, fol-
lowed by that for woman.Woman (long hair)—Bring the palms
of both hands with a sweeping gesture
down the sides of the head, the shoul-
ders and the bosom.Give me—Hold the open right hand,
palm upward, out in front of the body;
close it, and draw it inward.Peace—Clasp the hands in front of
the body.

RUMFORD

The churches of Rumford, Jan.
Everybody go to Church
following the plans recom-
mended by the recent Laymen's Mission
convention in Portland. On this
subject will be made to have all
members of the co-operative
present at both morning and
services, and by proper anno-
uncement an invitation to urge all
accustomed to attend church
on that day. Special programs
prepared for the meetings of
sermons, and music being ap-
plied to the day's special purpose,
every possible way the value
church life of the community
emphasized. The churches co-
operate: Rumford Methodist,
and Universalist churches,
and churches, also the Virginia
chapel.The annual meeting of the
Governors of Mechanics Insti-
tute on Sunday afternoon in
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ted. George A. Virgin will leave
for St. Petersburg, Florida, to
will spend the rest of the win-
ter. Mrs. Virgin, who has been
the past year.The assessors have caused a
be put up at the residential en-
closure. This has been a ve-
ry serious place, especially for
as a slight slipping would car-
ry down the steep embankment
river.Miss Gladys Maxwell of Por-
tland, N. B., will be the house
keeper aunt, Mrs. Catherine McK-
Knox street, for the Christm-
days.A small building is being bu-
ilt on the Lincoln avenue railroad
to be used as a shop for making
Two employees in one of the
mills are said to be the prom-
ise the new industry.Mr. Mulligan has moved from
the brick houses on Hancock street
to his new home on the same
near Bartlett's Corner.A regular meeting of Canton
ford, No. 3, Patriotic Militant
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C. Miller of Augusta was pre-
sident of the Canton.Miss Lena Farnum is playing
also at the Majestic Theatre
of Mr. Frank Wells, who has
a similar position at the Greeley
in Portland.The Orino confectionery and
store at the corner of Waldo
and Oxford avenue, has been
a few months ago, Mr. Orino
business to Fred Martin. As
Martin broke the terms of the sale
payment of the money agreed
Mr. Orino had a short lock
on the door.Miss Louise Bisbee, daughter
and Mrs. Stanley Bisbee, has
come from LaSalle Seminary, A-
dale, Mass., to spend the Ch-
ristmas holidays with her parents,
at home on Lincoln avenue.Dr. Mary Faulk is spending
weeks' at her home in Hudson.The Rumford Falls Trust Co.
out four hundred and sixty-five
savings checks, last week, a
total of \$15,478.08 to persons who
its Christmas Savings Club has
The Rumford Falls Trust Co.
closed the Christmas saving ac-
count of Rumford County, and that this
of saving has been fairly est

RUMFORD

The churches of Rumford and Mexico will observe Sunday, Jan. 2nd, as "Everybody go to Church Sunday," following the plans recommended at the recent Laymen's Missionary Convention in Portland. On this day, efforts will be made to have all the members of the co-operating churches present at both morning and evening services, and by proper announcement an invitation to urge all who are not accustomed to attend church to do so on that day. Special programs will be prepared for the meetings of the day, sermons, and music being appropriate to the day's special purpose, and in every possible way the value of the church life of the community will be emphasized. The churches co-operating are: Rumford Methodist, Baptist and Universalist churches, and the Mexico Congregational and Baptist churches, also the Virginia Memorial chapel.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Mechanics Institute took place on Sunday afternoon last. Five additional governors were elected. George A. Virgin will leave shortly for St. Petersburg, Florida, where he will spend the rest of the winter with Mrs. Virgin, who has been there for the past year.

The assessors have caused a fence to be put up at the residential end of the footbridge. This has been a very dangerous place, especially for children, as a slight slipping would carry them down the steep embankment into the river.

Miss Gladys Maxwell of Frederickton, N. B., will be the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Catherine McKenzie, of Knox street, for the Christmas holidays.

A small building is being built near the Lincoln avenue railroad crossing, to be used as a shop for making blinds. Two employees in one of the paper mills are said to be the promoters of the new industry.

Mr. Mulligan has moved from one of the brick houses on Hancock street into his new home on the same street, near Bartlett's Corner.

A regular meeting of Canton, Rumford, No. 3, Patriarch Militant, was held on Monday evening of this week at Old Fellows Hall, when Major W. C. Miller of Augusta was present to inspect the Canton.

"Miss Lena Parum is playing the piano at the Majestic Theatre in place of Mr. Frank Wells, who has accepted a similar position at the Greeley Theatre in Portland.

The Orino confectionery and fruit store at the corner of Waldo street and Oxford avenue, has been closed. A few months ago, Mr. Orino sold the business to Fred Martin. As Mr. Martin broke the terms of the sale by non-payment of the money agreed upon, Mr. Orino had a sheriff's lock placed on the door.

Miss Louise Bisbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bisbee, has arrived home from LaSalle Seminary, Auburn, Mass., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, at their home on Lincoln avenue.

Dr. Mary Faulk is spending two weeks at her home in Hudson, N. Y. The Rumford Falls Trust Co. sent out four hundred and sixty-five Christmas savings checks, last week, amounting to \$15,478.08 to persons who joined its Christmas Savings Club last year. The Rumford Falls Trust Co. introduced the Christmas saving scheme in Oxford County, and that this method of saving has been firmly established in Rumford, is demonstrated by the increased number joining the 1916 club. William Cyr has been appointed deputy sheriff by J. H. Sheriff Frothingham, to succeed Everett M. Bessey, who recently resigned.

Manager Walters of Cheney Opera House has organized a Paramount Concert Orchestra which will give a series of concerts in the theatre. Receiving many favorable comments from the public, on the excellence of the orchestra during the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation," Mr. Walters conceived the idea of getting together the best men available to give the music lovers a series of concerts this winter. The personnel of the organization is as follows: Bass, Charles Leary; First Violins, Howard Webber and Lewis

SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teaching is wearing work, and only those teachers who take good care of their health can stand the daily strain of the classroom. The dull eyes, pale cheeks, weary head and unstrung nerves of many teachers show the need of building up the nerve-force, improving the blood and helping the general condition. Have you heard of "Dr. F. J. Atwood's Medicine"? It is a very old home remedy, and entirely reliable. You can take it with the assurance that only good effects follow its use. It is not a "cure-all," but a general conditioner which acts on the stomach, liver and bowels, and by putting these important organs in better condition, it improves the blood, strengthens the nerves and clears the head. Try a bottle and note how soon you feel its beneficial influence.

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Irish Second Violins, Harry Cohen and Merton Holt; Viola, Thomas Francis; Flute, John Ryan; Clarinet, Charles Brozman and William Cyr; Cornet, Archie Felt and Ralph Lockhead; Trombone, Roland Morton; Drums, William Acheson. Walter Rolfe has charge of making the orchestration.

At the Majestic Theatre on Sunday evening last was held a sacred concert, the proceeds going for purchasing Christmas baskets for the poor of Rumford and Mexico. There are quite a number of poor families in the two towns, who will pass a miserable Christmas, under the best that can be done for them, and each little ray of sunshine that can be brought to such people, helps to soften hardships to some extent.

A new policy is to be inaugurated at the Majestic Theatre. This will consist of the Triangle Photoplays, which include D. W. Griffith, Thomas H. Ince and Mack Sennett. Griffith made "The Birth of a Nation." Ince creates the greatest dramas of the West, and Sennett is the creator of the Keystone Comedies and discoverer of Charlie Chaplin.

Rehearsals have commenced on a comic opera to be presented in Rumford under the direction of Prof. Thiele, director of the Rumford Brass Band. Among the participants will be Mrs. Jean Fish, Mrs. James McGee, Chester Chaffin, Bradford Andrews and David Hayes. The latter will take the part of the king. There will be a chorus of sixty or more.

"The Methodist Sunday School held its annual Christmas concert on Sunday evening last. A "White Gift" Christmas was planned and a program appropriate to the occasion was arranged. The program was as follows: Hymn, Congregation; Prayer; Tableau, "Three Wise Men"; Presentation of "White Gifts," by the various classes; exercises by the beginners; exercises by the primary department; recitation, Dorothy Wheat; vocal duet, Misses Bessie and Ida Taylor; remarks by Mrs. L. E. Ward and Ralph T. Parker.

Mrs. Swain, wife of Road Commissioner Marshall J. Swain, has suffered a paralytic stroke and Miss Blanche Whyngaught is caring for her.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Greene of Rumford avenue are regaling congratulations upon the birth of a son, weighing nine pounds, born on Sunday afternoon.

Strathgiles Commandery of Rumford, Knights Templar, No. 21, will assemble in its asyllum on Saturday, Christmas Day, at noon, and commemorate in true Templar spirit, the birth of Him under whose banner they are enlisted. The call to assemble will be given out for 11 A. M., when a program of entertainment will take place as follows: Prayer by Rev. Allen Brown; music by the Universalist Male Quartette; felicitations from other commanderies; song, Miss Dorothy Linell; offering to charity; music by the quartette; song, Miss Linell, with violin obligato by Miss Martha Swain; piano solo, "Cathedral Chimes," by Miss Mabel Chase. Toasts will then be responded to, beginning with the toast to the Right Eminent Sir, Lee S. Smith, acting as Grand Master. Responses will be given by Fred O. Walker, James B. Stevenson, E. O. Eaton, Grand King of this District, Waldo Pettengill, deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Eliza Pratt. Following the toast, "In memory of our fathers who have joined the silent majority," the male quartette will give a sacred selection; the program closing with a piano solo, "Angels of Night," given by Miss Mabel Chase.

On Friday evening last, George D. Bisbee tendered a supper to the mem-

WEST PARIS

Friday evening the Universalist, Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools will unite in Christmas exercises and a tree at the Baptist Church. A very pleasing program is being arranged and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come.

Alton Rowell remains critically ill and under the care of a trained nurse. Miss Clara Bacon and Miss Agnes Gray are at home from Farmington Normal School.

Mrs. Frank L. Willis has gone to Kittery to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse S. Rose. Mr. Willis will live in the family of Loren Roberts near his mill, where he is working.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs has returned from Portland, where she has visited her son, E. S. Briggs, and family.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, the sons, daughters and grandchildren of E. W. Penley gathered at his home in honor of his 70th birthday. Mr. Penley was indeed surprised and much pleased. He was presented with a gold vest chain from his wife, and a chair from the children, also a large birthday cake lighted with 70 candles, and bearing the dates 1845-1915, which was indeed very attractive. The cake was cut by Mrs. Penley and passed around. Ice cream was served, also cut cakes and saltines. Mr. Penley received about 25 post cards from relatives and friends, all join in wishing him many nice birthdays and continued good health.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herrick of South Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Penley and sons, Albert and Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and son Edwin of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Penley and sons, Edward, Robert and Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penley and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Ridlon, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunham, and Miss Alice Penley, also Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dunham.

Members of George D. Bisbee Camp, No. 66, S. of V., at Hotel Rumford. The private dining room was given up to the occasion, twenty-nine being present. The menu included oyster stew, scalloped oysters, hot rolls, cake, coffee and doughnuts. Following the supper, speeches were made by many present, each one taking for their subject, "National Preparedness." Among the invited guests were: Rev. Mr. Foshay of the Baptist Church, Major Lucian W. Blanchard, Major John Hadley, and Captain Millett. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, Stanley Bisbee; Senior Vice Commander, Spaulding Bisbee; Junior Vice Commander, Arthur Johnson; Secretary, Fred W. Davis; Treasurer, L. N. Niles; Camp Council, A. E. Stearns, Earl Spaulding and Fred O. Eaton.

The Oxford Paper Co., following its usual custom of the Christmas season, will remember its employees with the presentation of a turkey and bag of flour to each and every married man or other employee who supports a mother and father. This remembrance will require 600 turkeys and flour in bags to the extent of one carload. This includes also, employees of the Maine Coated Paper Co., of which the Oxford Paper Co. committees arranged for. Mr. Harris, the manager, will, in conjunction with other charitable organizations, see that no family in town is without a good Christmas dinner. The Elks Club is also interesting itself in the same line of work, that Christmas cheer may be found in all homes of the town.

Thieves broke into the store house of J. A. Garneau on Thursday night last, taking as their principal booty, bags of flour. No tentative clue as to the identity of the thieves has as yet been found, although a gray leather belt, upon which had been stitched a piece of leather of a different kind from the belt, to form a holder for cartridges and other things as well, was found. This holder contained a sheathed knife.

On Friday evening last, Rebekah Lodge of this town observed Past Noble Grand's night. Supper was served at seven o'clock, after which a regular meeting of the Lodge took place. At nine o'clock a short musical program took place, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Mabel Chase, vocal solo by Miss Myrtle Greene, cornet solo by Mr. Archie Felt, and vocal solos by Mrs. Jean Molt Fish.

At this time of the year practically all the heavy work on most farms has been finished, and with the approach of winter horses are more or less idle. Since idle horses give no return in labor performed, the feeding should be as economical as possible, and proper care should be taken of the animals in order that they may be in the best possible condition for work in the early spring.

Horses should not be confined to the barn during the winter on a liberal supply of grain. It is far better to "rough" them through the cold months. They should be given the run

of the yard or lot during the day. This should be provided with a protected shed, one that is thoroughly dry and well provided with bedding. While nature does her part and protects the horse with a heavy coat of hair during the cold months, the shed is necessary in order to afford the necessary shelter and protection against rain, snow, and cold winds. Winter winds come mostly from the north and northwest, and the shed should be so situated and constructed as to give the proper protection from this quarter.

In the feeding of idle horses the high-priced feeds should be avoided in order to keep them in proper condition at the lowest cost. It has been found that idle horses do very well on a winter feed consisting of all the hay, oat straw, cornstalks, or sorghums they will consume, so that little grain is necessary. Intense allows permits of a more thorough mastication of the feed, thus insuring proper digestion.

From six to eight weeks before the spring work is started the horses should be put at light work and started on a small grain ration in order that they may be in proper condition for the work required of them. The grain ration may then be gradually increased until the regular allowance has been reached for the working season.

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ANDOVER

Mrs. Abbie Poor left town, Tuesday, for Portland, where she will spend the winter.

Rev. Geo. Graham was in Lewiston, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Helen Akers, who is teaching at Oxford, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, F. E. Akers and wife.

There were moving pictures Wednesday evening in the church. Arthur Noble was at Locke's Mills, Thursday of last week.

Raymond Curtis, the high school principal, is spending his vacation at his home in Pemaquid.

B. Y. Russell, Winn Young, Alton Maxim and I. B. Andrews returned from a hunting trip to C. Pond, last Thursday, bringing with them five deer. They started to So. Paris, their home, in an automobile, and got as far as South Andover, where they were obliged to leave their auto and hire a team to convey them to the railroad station.

Clarence Bailey has gone to Black Brook with his team to work for Lee Thurston.

Mrs. Bert Hutchins, who has been very ill, is better. A trained nurse from Lewiston is caring for her.

Miss Harriet Thompson, who closed a successful term of school at No. 4, Friday, left town, Saturday, for Brattleboro, Vt., where she will visit a sister.

Mrs. John Caldwell is ill at the home of her son, Gay Caldwell, in Biddeford.

Mrs. Walter Bailey and little daughter, who have been visiting her parents at Norway, are in town for a few days.

Mrs. Dana Noble was quite ill the first of the week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Grange, Saturday.

Mrs. Olive Dresser, Mrs. Vine Mills and Mrs. Lou Milton were in Rumford, shopping, Tuesday.

Mrs. Oliver Merrill, who has been ill for a number of weeks, remains about the same.

There was an illustrated lecture in the church, Sunday evening, on the "Sources of the Jordan River," with Underwood and Underwood slides.

Miss Gladys Howard, who is teaching at Rumford, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at East Andover.

The Whist Club met Saturday evening at C. A. Rand's. The first prizes were won by Mrs. C. A. Rand and Clayton Syrett. Mr. J. A. Dunning and Mrs. Clayton Swain won the second.

Refreshments were served. Dr. Francis Taylor was in Waterville a few days last week.

Joan Baker went to Azileos last week to drive team for Ray Thurston. Bedford Corey from Rangely is scaling lumber for the International Paper Co., and boarding at the Milton Hotel.

Y. A. Thurston has been at his camp at Azileos the past week.

Archer Poor carried a party to Rumford, Monday, in his auto.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burgess are delegates to the State Grange at Portland this week.

Mr. John Gammons from Providence, R. I., has been the guest of friends in town.

There was an entertainment Friday evening at the No. 4 schoolhouse, consisting of music, recitations, etc.

Nelson Campbell cut his knee quite badly while working in the woods at Black Brook.

Robert Poor is the guest of his uncle, Henry L. Poor.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ordway, E. I. Bean, Ernest Morrill, D. W. Cushing, Mrs. Stella Goodridge are in Portland this week to attend the State Grange.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Union Church, Saturday evening. Miss Rachel Westleigh is very ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Mason. Mrs. Lucy Cushing is helping to care for her.

SONGO POND.

Mrs. Herman Brown spent Friday with her friend, Mrs. Abner Kimball. Jim Holman, with his team, is working for L. N. Kimball and boarding with John Kilgore.

Mr. Robert Gilbert of West Bethel spent Saturday and Sunday with his wife at Trvin Bealder's. Mrs. Gilbert is teaching the Songo school.

Abner Kimball traded horses with Chesley Saunders one day last week. Dr. Walker of Norway was at Abner Kimball's, Monday, to see his horse that is lame.

Mrs. Edward Lapham and Miss Blanche Emery called on their friend, Miss Beatrice Brown, at Geo. Hapgood's, Sunday.

Henry Elliot is working for Carlyton Penley, and stopping at Rosecoe Emory's.

Miss Rena George spent the last of the week at John Kimball's.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Axel Wilson went to Newry to meet his son, Linwood, who is coming home to spend his vacation.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Roland Ripley. Refreshments of cake, doughnuts and cocoa were served.

E. S. Bennett went to take a man up to Hamlin Bros. camp, Thursday.

Albert Kelly of Errol was in town one day last week.

Aunt Hannah Fickett has been quite sick with pleurisy.

Mrs. Lewis Olson was a Sunday visitor at Mrs. Axel Wilson's.

John Bennett is clerking at the Azileos House.

Lewis Coy was in town, Sunday, and bought two cows from Mrs. Leslie Hart.

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AIM OF AGRICULTURAL CLUBS. The principal objects to be attained through the promotion of boys' agricultural clubs in the South, as defined by those in charge of this work, are:

1. To encourage and train boys along the lines of the activities of country life.

2. To put into practice the facts of scientific agriculture obtained from books, bulletins, etc.

3. To bring the school life of the boy into closer relationship to his home life.

4. To assist in the development of the spirit of cooperation in the family and in the community.

5. To dignify and magnify the vocation of the farmer by demonstrating the returns which may be secured from farming when it is properly conducted.

6. To enlarge the vision of the boy and to give him definite purposes at an important period in his life.

7. To furnish to the aggressive, progressive rural school-teacher an opportunity to vitalize the work of the school by correlating the teaching of agriculture with actual practice.

The aim of the boys' club work is the same as that among men—viz, to secure the adoption of better methods of farming and greater yields at less cost. Many of the boys in the clubs who begin to study agriculture in this way will continue the study in the agricultural colleges; others will continue such efforts on their farms, and all of them will make more useful and more efficient citizens. From the pleasant and profitable experience of owning and managing their small plots, they will develop into independent, intelligent farmers.

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One-seventh share, part, and interest in common and undivided in and to a certain parcel of land on the east side of the road in Andover leading from Andover Village to Rumford, commencing on the line of F. S. Smith's land near the Brick Yard, so-called, and running on said line easterly ten rods; thence northerly and parallel with the main road eight rods; thence westerly and parallel with said Smith's land to the main road ten rods; thence southerly along said road to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed by William Gregg to Mary L. Porter by deed dated June 3rd, 1892 and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 230, Page 334.

Dated the 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

ARETAS E. STEARNS,
Administrator.

at Washington, D. C. It points out that a good teacher of agriculture must, of course, have all the fundamental qualifications. He must know his special subject and must also be versed in the science of education and the art of teaching. Those already qualified to teach general subjects in secondary schools who wish to teach agriculture should, if possible, take at least a course extending over several years in the State agricultural colleges. Those who can not leave their positions can with very little trouble or expense take courses during the summer vacation or short courses during the winter.

A great deal of practical agriculture may also be learned by attending institutes and other farmers' meetings. If no such meetings are held in the teacher's district, he can assist in organizing them. Though their primary purpose may be to aid the farmer, a receptive man can not fail to learn much from the speakers that are invited to attend. In some States special sessions for teachers of agriculture are held in connection with State or county associations of teachers. Such meetings offer an opportunity for exchange of ideas and for keeping in touch with new methods and offer stimulus and inspiration which the progressive man can not afford to neglect.

While there are thus many ways in which the ambitious teacher of agriculture may make himself both a better instructor and a more thorough master of agriculture, practical experience remains an essential to real success. Men who find themselves weak in this side of their work should take advantage of every opportunity to remedy the deficiency. Summer vacations can be spent in practical work on the farm. If the teacher does not own or can not rent land of his own, he may obtain invaluable experience by working under some good manager.

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a Christmas tree at the vestry, Saturday
afternoon and a concert Sunday
evening to which all are cordially invited.
The tree is for all who wish
to make use of it.The Vesper service under the direction
of B. W. Purinton at the Baptist
church, Sunday afternoon, was a great
musical treat. The chorus work was
especially fine and the solos by Mr.
Lamb and Mrs. Purinton with violin
accompaniment by Mr. Richmond were most
pleasing.The officers of Ninnescot Lodge, I.
O. O. F., were elected Saturday night
as follows: Noble Grand, G. H. Record;
Vice Grand, Oswald E. Walter; Secretary,
J. E. Warren; treasurer, A. T.
Cole; trustees, Ezra Keefe, C. S. Childs,
George A. Holmes.The sale at the Orange Hall, Friday
afternoon, netted the ladies of the
Baptist church over forty dollars.Dan Emery has bought the George
Record farm and moved his family
there Saturday.J. Spaulding is serving on the jury
of the District Court at Portland.Miss Gladys Merrill is the guest of
Miss Jessie Shaw.Miss Julia Gile is home from Farmington
for the holidays.Rector Cole is home from Tat's College
for the Christmas recess.Harlow Gerrish is home from Mars Hill,
where he has been successfully teaching.**DON'T SCOLD FRETFUL CHILDREN**That nervousness, fretting and real
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**POEMS WORTH
READING****CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**Christmas love and Christmas cheer
In our hearts and lives appear,
Only when like Christ we give
Of ourselves to all who live.**CHRISTMAS.**"Merry Christmas"—O, what magic
Is within this joyous greeting!
It suggests sweet bells and music,
And the joy of loved ones meeting.
Life on this one day seems sweeter
Than it does on any other;
Love plays gently on the heartstrings
Of each father, child, and mother.**ONE SANTA CAN'T FIND.**Santa is good to the millionaire kid,
Picks out his stockings wherever
they're hid,
Fills them with airguns and gold-painted
slugs,
Horses that rock, with glass eyes in
their heads,
Wagons and engines and first base-
men's gloves,
Every old thing that every boy loves,
All's due and dandy, barring one
hitch—
Boys do not get them unless they are
rich.Though I've been good as any boy's
been,
Santa behaves like I was not in;
Sometimes I hear the crack of his whip
When he goes by on his Christmas eve
trip,
So he can't say I'm not in his track,
Waiting for only a mite from his pack.
Shucks!—it's no use. The presents all
switch
Elsewhere instead, to a boy who is rich."Cept for the story books full of such
dope
Maybe I'd never 'a' had any hope,
Perhaps I'd never expected a share,
Forcing a smile if my stocking stayed
bare,
While all around me the luckier ones
Got well remembered, the millionaire's
sons.
Wonder if Santa, in doubt which is
which,
Means things for me that he takes to
the rich?"**SANTA CLAUS' SISTER.**We stood at a crowded counter,
Little Geraldine and I;
There was only a day before Christmas
And hundreds were waiting to buy.
The shelves and the cases were covered,
And the counters were piled up high
With the loveliest things for presents
Ever seen by a mortal eye.There were books with most beautiful
pictures,
And the strangest, most wonderful
toys,
That were brought from over the ocean
On purpose for girls and boys.There were dolls that could walk and
play tennis,
In dresses of satin and silk;
And boxes to wind and set trotting,
And boxes that you really could milk.There were dogs that could bark like
the live ones
And birds of most brilliant wing,
With springs hid away 'neath their
feathers
That would make them fly upward
and sing.But the eyes of the child who stood by
me
Had wandered away from all these,
And the sparkling Christmas angels
And the miniature Christmas trees,
And were scanning the faces about us—
The faces that huddled and pressed,
And looked weary and cross with the
effort
Of getting in front of the rest—When, grasping my hand, she whispered,
"With eager, childish grace,
"Oh! that I met the Santa Claus' sister,
She's got such a Christmas face!"I looked where her eyes had lighted,
And, lo! in a threadbare gown
Stood a queer, little, bent, old woman,
With a face that was wrinkled and
brown.But the eyes that beamed out from it
Were radiant with love and joy
As, from "among all the beautiful ob-
jects,
She selected one poor, cheap toy.And the worn, brown face was illumined
With a smile of good-will toward me
That told, more plainly than words
might,
She was keeping Christmas then.I glanced at the faces about me
There were women in rich attire
Whose measured gold enabled**She Baked
Today
With**Her bread
would take the
blue ribbon at
any domestic
science exhibi-
tion, her cake is
a marvel of fine
lightness—and
her pastry—you
ought to taste it!
All because William
Tell is milled from
Ohio Red Winter
Wheat by our own
process. Goes farther too—both
economy and good eating
served by ordering
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There were those of delicate feature,
Of gentle breeding and race;
But the queer, little, bent, old woman's
Was the only "Christmas face."In shame, from my own I hastened
To smooth the impatience and frown,
As I looked at "Santa Claus' sister,"
"In her faded, threadbare gown."And I blessed both the child and the
woman,
For their Christmas sermon sweet,
As I pressed through the throng of
shoppers
And on in the crowded street.—Julia Anna Wolcott, in Congregation-
alist.**CARE OF BUSH FRUITS.**Protection from Drying Winds, Snow,
and Cold Should Be Provided in
Fall—Pruning Methods.Among the farm operations which
engage the attention of the small fruit
grower in the North during late fall,
winter, and early spring are the pruning
of the plants and their protection
from drying winds, snow, and cold.Currants and Gooseberries.
Both of these fruits have stood with-
out injury the extremes of low tem-
perature and drying winds which pre-
vail in the northern Great Plains re-
gion. These fruits, therefore, need no
protection against the cold or winds of
winter. Sometimes, however, in re-
gions having a heavy snowfall, branches
of the currant are broken down by the
weight of snow and sleet. This
danger may be easily avoided by draw-
ing the branches together and tying
them with coarse string. The tying
may be done at any time after the
leaves fall, but it is better to do this
about the time the ground begins to
freeze.This period between the falling of
the leaves in autumn and the starting
of growth in spring is the season in
which currants and gooseberries are
pruned. The ideal currant bush at
which the pruner should aim has six
to eight main branches, while the
gooseberry has eight to twelve. None
of these branches should be over 3
years old. Two or three of the main
branches of the currant and three to
four main branches of the gooseberry
should be removed each season, the
older branches being cut out and a like
number of the most vigorous canes of
the current season's growth left to
take their place. All other young canes
and all canes bent to or near the ground
should also be removed. If this sys-tem is followed each year after the
bushes reach the age of 3 years, prun-
ing will be relatively simple and the
plantations kept in good condition.Raspberries and Blackberries.
Raspberries and blackberries need
winter protection in many parts of the
North where low temperatures and dry-
ing winds prevail, especially where the
snow covering is light. Certain vari-
eties need protection, while others en-
dure the same conditions without in-
jury. Experience will indicate which
varieties need this. Where the cold
and drying winds are severe, as in the
Great Plains region and in Colorado,
canes of the tender varieties must be
covered with soil. This should be done
as late as possible, yet before the
ground is frozen. Some of the soil
should be removed from one side of
the row either with a hoe or plow, the
canes inclined to that side until they
are in a horizontal position and then
entirely covered with soil to a depth
of 2 or 3 inches. As the canes of the
blackberry are more brittle than those
of the raspberry, they must be bent
over with greater care. Often in prac-
tice the canes are bent over so that
the top is alongside the next hill, some
soil thrown over the ends of the canes
in order to hold them down, and the
remaining parts covered by the use of
a spade or by throwing a shallow fur-
row over the canes with a plow. The
canes should be uncovered in spring
before the buds start, but not until
after all danger of hard freezing in
past. Straw and other similar materi-
als have sometimes been used to cover
the canes, but are unsatisfactory, as
the air circulates through them and
does not prevent winter injury.When the snowfall is heavy through-
out the winter, it may cover the canes
sufficiently to afford all the protection
that is needed. Sometimes, however,
in order to be adequately protected by
the snow, the canes should be bent over.
They may be held in this position
by placing a few clods of earth on the
tips; or sometimes forked sticks are
used to pin them to the ground. In
other cases rails or poles are placed
across the canes to keep them in a re-
ctilinear position. The tips, which are
the tenderest part of the canes, should
be nearest the ground and be best pro-
tected.Usually no pruning is given either
the raspberry or blackberry just before
or during the winter. When the canes
are to be protected with soil, however,
all the weaker canes, as well as strong-
er ones not needed for the crop the
following season, should be removed.
This thinning out of the canes will re-
duce the cost of covering. In the spring
if the canes of the raspberry are long
and are not to be supported by stakes
or a trellis, the ends should be cut
back. If cut back to a height of 3
feet, the canes should be able to sup-
port their crop, keeping the berries out
of the dirt. Sometimes when the canes
are slender it will be necessary to cut
them back to 2 to 2 1/2 feet in length. The
side branches of the blackberry are
usually pruned back in early spring.
The length at which the lateral branch-
es should be left depends on the habit
of the variety. In some sections and
with some varieties no pruning at this
time is necessary, and experience in
each locality must be the guide as to
this.Winter Protection of Strawberries.
In all except the extreme southern
and western districts the autumn or
early winter is the season in which
the strawberry fields should be covered
with a mulch, partly to protect the
plants from the continual freezing and
thawing which occurs in many sections,
partly to conserve moisture and keep
down weeds during the following
spring and during the fruiting season,
and partly to keep the berries from
contact with the soil when they ripen.
This mulch may consist of some kind
of straw or hay or of stable manure
containing a large proportion of straw,
but it should be free from weed seed.
Wheat, rye, oats, and buckwheat straw,
longleaf pine needles, prairie hay,
marsh hay, salt marsh hay, and othermaterials are frequently used for this
purpose. The mulch should be placed
on the berry field after the ground
freezes and before it is covered with
snow. If a rain follows the spreading
of the mulch, less trouble will be ex-
perienced from scattering by the wind.
The mulch should be spread evenly
over the whole field. If available, suf-
ficient material to make the depth of
the mulch when it settles from 2 to 3
inches should be used.Stable manure, though frequently
used, is not always satisfactory. In
some sections it causes a vigorous leaf
growth the following spring and actu-
ally lessens the yield of berries. If
either the stable manure or the straw
contains weed seed, it may infect the
berry field with weeds to an extent
which decreases the yield and causes
much expense in cleaning. When stable
manure is applied, the solid portions
as far as possible should be put be-
tween the rows and that part contain-
ing more straw placed over the row.
In the spring before the plants start
growth, sufficient straw should be re-
moved from the rows to allow the
plants to grow through the mulch. This
straw may be thrown into the space
between the rows. Where the groundis woody, it will often be necessary to
rake the mulch upon the rows of plants
and cultivate the field. The mulch is
then returned to the middle between
the rows of plants to be left until af-
ter the picking season.**LOOKER'S MILLS.**
Clark Jackson of Millon is visiting
with Mrs. Helen Bryant.C. B. Tebbetts is in Massachusetts
and Connecticut on a business trip.Mrs. Nell Moody was a guest of her
father at West Paris, Friday.W. B. Bada was in Portland, Friday,
after Christmas goods.Lester Tebbetts visited with his moth-
er, Mrs. E. L. Tebbetts, at Auburn last
week.Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrington
were away, shopping, Thursday.Mrs. Walter Goodwin and daughter
of Berlin, N. H., are visiting relatives
for a few days.Curtis Abbott was in Mechanic Falls
the week end.Mrs. G. H. Bartlett and Mrs. W. H.
Crockett are in Portland this week.Eva and Edith Fluke were in Nor-
way, shopping, Saturday.Books in large variety at L. M.
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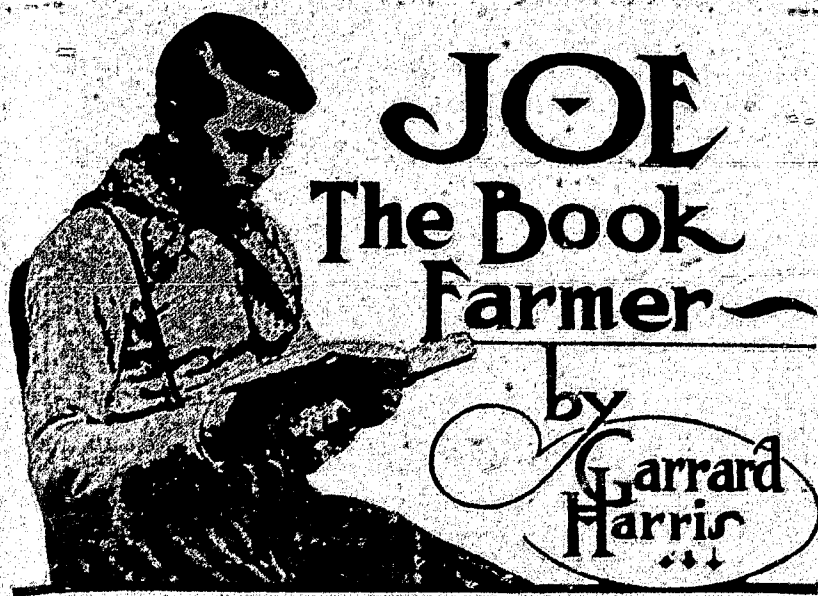


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"Five crops in one year is
hardly possible."
"It is possible, for it has been
done here!" Joe hauled from his
clipping from a country news-
paper another part of the state to
what a progressive farmer had
done. "I found that paper in a
box and I lay awake over so long
thinking it over after I read about
man, and it works out all right."
"That is certainly farming,"
said the senior partner. "And
think—most of the people around
are satisfied to get less than the
fourth of that amount of product
their land!""That sort of farming doesn't
me," said Joe decisively."Or me, either, now I know what
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makes the largest crop with
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cals, and we might as well
chance on that prize, too," said
Joe."All right; we'll go after it."
And there's a nitrate of soda
fertilizer another hundred the farm
but I don't know much about
stuff. Do you?""Yes, sir; nitrate is the
way for plants to get nitro-
gen in the ground element. Just
the stuff on the ground about
before it is used and the soil
it will increase the crop near
third. It's fine for cotton, too,
is it right along?""I've never seen any of the
or heard of it being used, but
back of the woods," said Mr.
ville."Neither have I. The book
comes mostly from Chile and
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solves quickly in water or by the
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with out, Joe, it's a pretty big
money alone on the crop. That
for the winner in this county, \$
the fertilizer and another \$100
nitrate—\$200—but that is in a
tion with the entire state!""I'm going to do my level best
when a fellow does that he'd
compete with the whole world!""That's the way to look at it,
there is the state certificate, what
is to Washington?""I certainly want that trip," said
Joe. "I want to talk to the head man
department of agriculture of Wash-
ington and see what they are doing
to get right to headquarters
for myself and learn something
more for my own use!""What are you going to do with
money if you win it?""Well, half of it is yours, you know,
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vile.""Much obliged, but I thought
ought to have half!""No! I'll be satisfied with the
money.""That's mighty good of you,
sir, the first thing I'm going to do
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ing and her to that agricultural
school over in Limestone county,
and learn all about cooking and
raising chickens and honey-
dripping, and all that sort of thing
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"What else will you do, Joe?"

"Why, I'll buy mother a new
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tural school in the United States and
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ence and can understand and do
it all myself!""That's a pretty extensive pro-
gram, anything else?""Yes, sir. I'm coming back here
buy me a ten acre place and make
crop pay for it. Then as soon
on my feet I am going to do
it ten acres every year until I
the size I want!""That's the kind of talk I
hear. Farming offers just as
and more opportunities than any
it a man will just apply business
to it. It is the most indepen-
dent and happy life in the world.""Then every year or so I want
to go to a good agricultural school
month or more and do special
keep up with what is going on
I'll be able after awhile to give
a good home where the won't
take it easy!"



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"Five crops in one year from one acre—it hardly seems possible, Joe!" "It is possible, for it has been done. See here!" Joe laughed from his pocket a clipping from a country newspaper. In another part of the state, telling of what a progressive farmer there had done. "I found that paper in the road, and I lay awake ever so long last night thinking it over after I read about that man, and it works out all right."

"That is certainly 'farming some'!" said the scholar. "And just to think—most of the people around here are satisfied to get less than one-fourth of that amount of produce from their land!"

"That sort of farming doesn't satisfy me," said Joe decisively. "Or me, either, now I know what can be done. And, by the way, Joe, there's a commercial fertilizer concern offering a prize of \$100 to the boy in the corn club contest in the state who makes the largest crop with his fertilizer. The state chemist certifies that the product of that factory is up to standard."

"We've got to use some chemical fertilizer, and we might as well take a chance on that prize, too," said Joe. "All right; we'll go after everything. And there's a nitrate of soda firm offering another hundred the same way, but I don't know much about that stuff. Do you?"

"Yes, sir; nitrate is the quickest way for plants to get nitrogen, and that is the main element. Just scatter the stuff on the ground about corn just before it tassels and the books say it will increase the crop nearly one-third. It's fine for cotton, too—pushes it right along."

"I've never seen any of the nitrate or heard of it being used about this neck of the woods," said Mr. Somerville.

"Neither have I. The book says it comes mostly from Chile and it looks like common, coarse, dirty salt and dissolves quickly in water or by the moisture of the ground. That is how the roots get it so soon after it is applied. When it strikes the roots that plant just everlastingly hustles."

"If we go in for all these things and win out, Joe, it's a pretty big prize in money value on the corn. There's \$75 for the winner in this county, \$100 for the fertilizer and another \$100 for the nitrate—\$275—but that is in competition with the entire state!"

"I'm going to do my level best, and when a fellow does that he's as soon done with the whole world as not."

"That's the way to look at it. Then there is the state certificate, with the top to Washington."

"I certainly want that trip," said Joe. "I want to talk to the head man of the department of agriculture of Washington and see what they are doing. I want to go right to headquarters and see for myself and learn something."

"What are you going to do with your money if you win it?"

"Well, half of it is yours, you know!"

"No, indeed; half the crop money is mine. The prize belongs to you if you win."

"Much obliged, but I thought you ought to have half!"

"No; I'll be satisfied with the crop money."

"That's mighty good of you. Well, sir, the first thing I'm going to do is to buy Annie a nice outfit of clothes and send her to that agricultural high school over in Limestone county, so she can learn all about cooking and sewing and raising chickens and honey and dairying, and all that sort of thing, so she can run an up-to-date farm home."

"That's a splendid idea—our country girls are even less enlightened on domestic economy than the boys are on farming, as a rule."

"I want her to have some chances herself."

"What else will you do, Joe?"

"Why, I'll buy mother a new dress, and put the rest of the money in the bank at interest. I'll work another year and make some more. Then I'm going to the very best agricultural school in the United States and stay a year. I'll have the actual experience then and can understand and appreciate what it teaches."

"That's a pretty extensive program. Anything else?"

"Yes, sir. I'm coming back here and buy me a ten acre place and make the crops pay for it. Then as soon as I get on my feet I am going to add five or ten acres every year until I get it the size I want."

"That's the kind of talk I like to hear. Farming offers just as many and more opportunities than business, if a man will just apply business methods to it. It is the most independent and happiest life in the world."

"Then every year or so I want to go off to a good agricultural school for a month or more and do special study—keep up with what is going on—and I'll be able after awhile to give mother a good home where she won't have to turn round to death and can kind of take it easy."

"You'll do," said the merchant, shaking hands with him as the wagon rolled up to receive the oats and rye. "Goodbye, and you just go ahead and use your judgment."

The fence was built next day, with a substantial lock upon the gate, and Joe carried the key in his pocket.

With the assistance of Link he sowed the rye thickly on three acres and oats on the other. He hired his father's team and harrow, agreeing to pay a dollar for the use of it, and harrowed the grain thoroughly into the finely pulverized soil.

The many spikes or teeth of the harrow had by this time demolished every hind it to the angle formed by the fence corner post.

With his hatchet he cut pine brush from the bushes in an old field and piled them on the poles in the fence corner, the stems all pointing to the front, until a thick thatch formed a sloping roof which would shed rain. Then he piled more pine brush about the two sides formed by the converging wire fence and climbed over and surveyed his work.

He had made a cozy rain and wind proof shelter, and he spilled as he thought of how those uncared-for pigs of Sullivan's would enjoy it. Across the road was a spring branch and an abandon wash tub from the house, with an approach of dirt banked to its edge, which, set down and placed in the field, formed a watering place for the pigs. Joe thoughtfully put several large stones in the tub so that the water was not over five inches deep. In case one of the pigs fell in it would not drown.

Next morning Jim Sullivan brought the pigs, lively, spotted little fellows, but poor as snakes. Joe turned them loose in the field, and they began eating the tender young rye as if they were famished. Jim's scrawny horses were also ravenously devouring the green stuff. After estimating that Sullivan was to fill the water tub each morning and evening Joe locked the gate and went up to the house.

"Mother, you and sister come with me. I've got something to show you," he said.

"All right. Come on, Annie," called Mrs. Weston. And they followed Joe down the road to his "farm," as they called the four acres.

"Oh-h, brother, look at those old horses in your farm! Let's run them out!" cried Annie.

"Hurry, son! They are just gobbling your rye!"

Joe laughed. "That's what I put them in there for. I'm renting it for a pasture for awhile."

"But they are eating up the rye!" objected Mrs. Weston.

"That won't hurt it—really benefits it. Those first shoots tipped off makes the roots throw out twice as many more, and makes each plant stronger and thicker."

"Oh, and there are two horrid little piglets in there too! I'll chase them out for you," said Annie.

"I thought you said that hogproof fencing would keep them out?" inquired Mrs. Weston.

"It will—and keep them in too. Those are my pigs, and I put them in there. I traded passage with Jim Sullivan for them."

"They are mighty little—and poor," observed his mother.

"I feel sorry for them—just look at their poor little ribs!" said Annie.

"Which do you like best, sis?"

"That cute little one with the white face and the curly tail!"

"All right; that's your pig, and his name is John L. Sullivan, and the other one is named Mike Sullivan."

"Oh, thank you for John L., Buddy! I just love my pig now!"

"The other one belongs to you, mother."

"Why, I'm obliged to you, son, but I hardly know what to do with it. We have no pen, you know."

"You and Annie just save the kitchen scraps for them. I'll feed them on this rye and oats while, and that will give them a good start. Then I'll build a pen nearer the house. If we keep them growing right each one ought to weigh 300 pounds by next fall."

"But, son, we couldn't use all that meat!"

"No; I know that and I didn't mean for us to eat them. I wanted you to have something for your very own."

"Annie and Annie. Those hogs will bring \$15 apiece or maybe more next fall. I want you and sister to take the money, every cent of it, and buy you some new dresses and things."

"You're well up into his mother's eyes. It had been a long time since she had bought a new dress. Her garments were really so shabby and rusty that she would not go to church, and some unkind little girls had made fun of Annie at Sunday school not long since, which sent her home, her little heart sorely hurting. She danced about in glee.

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California



What you save in coal and extra clothes bills, and other winter necessities in the East, will pay for a few months' stay in California.

You can go there on the California Limited train of luxury, or travel economically in a tourist sleeper.

Fred Harvey meals, too. The Grand Canyon of Arizona is on your way. Ask me for folders.

S. W. Massey, Gen. M. E. Agent
A. T. U. S. F. Ry.
336 Washington Street, Boston

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION.

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Other provisions of the law which are of no small importance should be carefully observed. Certificates of registration and license should be carried in the car at all times. Both plates should be attached, one on the front and one on the rear of the car. Any person not complying with these requirements of the law is subject to a heavy penalty. If questioned and not able to show his license and certificate of registration, he may be brought before the courts for violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws and fined accordingly. It is an easy matter to comply with the law in these respects, and every person should desire to do so. If an officer or inspector asks to see your registration certificate, you should not take it as an insult, but should show it to him cheerfully, and thus aid in the practical observance of our laws.

A large number of the police officers and municipal officers of the State have expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Department of State in enforcing the registration laws. It will be unsafe for any person to run a car on other than a 1916 registration after January first. An occasional inspector is likely to appear to aid the officers in their work of enforcement. He will be furnished with all information relative to those who have registered cars, and there will be little chance of evading the law. Register your car early in the year so that when you wish to operate you may do so legally, and perhaps save yourself from the embarrassment of being brought before the courts.

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT PURCHASE.

The national forest reservation commission last Wednesday decided upon the purchase of a very important tract of land in the White Mountains under the Weeks forestry act.

Although the tract contains only 559 acres, and is smaller than some that have been previously acquired in the White Mountains and elsewhere, it is considered to be highly important on account of its location and the valuable timber which it contains.

It is situated upon the slopes of the Presidential range and includes the summits of Mount Webster, Mount Jackson and Mount Clinton. Its acquisition will give the government practically complete control of all the peaks of the Presidential range, Mount Washington, Mount Jefferson and other northern peaks having already passed into the hands of the United States.

The tract is one which is much frequented by tourists to the White Mountains and is traversed by a number of paths which have been much used. It is also in plain view of the state highway through the famous Crawford notch. One of the finest bodies of virgin spruce timber remaining in the White Mountains is situated upon the tract, although upon a portion of the land the timber was cut some 25 years ago.

Several times during the past two years the tract has been brought to the attention of the commission, but it was not until recently that the owners agreed to accept a price which the commission considered reasonable. The purchase brings the government's holdings in the White Mountains to more than 375,000 acres.

OILHEAD.

James Bryant and son, William, were in Berlin, N. H., recently.

A. H. Bryant is attending State College in Portland this week.

Mrs. E. J. Buckley spent the week end with her parents in Berlin, N. H. Jack McBride was in Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. R. D. Long was in Portland on business, Thursday.

Mrs. Anna French returned from Meade Falls, Wednesday.

Mr. Philip Smith is working as baggage master at the station.

Mr. Charles Crosby of Norway is working for Mr. J. P. Skillings.

John D. Martin of Rumford was a business visitor in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brinck from East Bethel were in town, Friday.

Mr. J. S. Burbank returned Friday from a week's hunting trip at Upton.

Miss Mary Cummings spent the week end with her brother at West Bethel.

Mrs. B. E. Packard of Camden is visiting her mother, Mrs. Davis Lovejoy.

Miss Frances F. Carter of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Miss Marion Swift from Locke's Mills visited Miss Frye a few days the past week.

Mrs. Frank Bartlett went to South Paris, Tuesday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

Mr. Fred Ashby of Presque Isle is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. R. R. Tibbette.

Miss Ruby Smith of Gorham, N. H., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith.

Misses Ava and Marion Andrews of Norway returned home, Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives in town.

Miss Ethel Hammond of Portland is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Skillings.

Mr. Albert Clark of Wentworth Institute is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark.

The Men's Club held their regular meeting at Bethel Inn this Wednesday evening. An interesting program is anticipated.

Mr. Carroll Valentine of Dartmouth College is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine.

Miss Blanche Richardson of Livermore Falls is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Richardson.

The Alumni Social Club will meet with Mrs. Gehring on Thursday evening. It is hoped that a large number will be present in order to complete the plans for the coming week.

Mrs. E. C. Park and daughter, Muriel, left Friday for a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Mr. Albert W. Buck of Orland, who has been with the Red Cross in Serbia for the past six months, is visiting his former classmate, Mr. Paul C. Thurston. Mr. Buck has kindly consented to speak to the Men's Club this Wednesday evening.

Howe has a nice line of Educator's Trainers in 10s, 20s and 25s line. Adv.

FEEDING POULTRY BREEDING STOCK.

By G. E. Conkey.

Improper feeding of breeding birds is often responsible for their inability to produce a sufficient number of hatchlings or enough fertile eggs possessing the vitality necessary for the production of strong, vigorous chicks.

Such folk and worry could to a great extent be very easily overcome, for it is not at all difficult to feed breeding birds properly. What they need is to be fed first for condition—to be fed for a gain in strength and vitality, so that when hatching eggs are needed they will be able to produce a maximum number of large, well-sized, fertile eggs of strong vitality. To secure these results the method of feeding is perhaps more important than the food. For the latter, good laying rations cannot be improved upon.

The feeding for condition should begin with the selection of the breeding birds, which should take place about the middle of December. During the latter part of December and the early part of January no attempt should be made to get eggs. The birds should be fed enough to keep their strength and vigor on the increase but not enough to supply them with very much of a surplus of nutriment.

Good condition will come to breeding birds more quickly if their meals

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Briggs, Edwin R.,	Homestead Farm,	\$5.95	\$1.00
Brooks, Geo. B.,	Homestead Farm,	1.25	1.00
Burke, James,	Homestead Farm,	13.60	1.00
Corbett, James P.,	Homestead Farm,	10.20	1.00
Cushman, A. G.,	Homestead Farm,	17.00	1.00
Dry, Charles P.,	Homestead Farm,	11.90	1.00
Emery, Warren A.,	Homestead Farm,	102.00	1.00
Hall, Anna B.,	Valentine and Chapman Intervalo,	28.90	1.00
Jones, O. M.,	Homestead,	17.00	1.00
Merrill, A. R.,	Homestead at East Bethel,	6.80	1.00
Morgan, A. L.,	Homestead Farm,	25.50	1.00
Stone, Viola,	The Cummings Intervalo,	20.40	1.00
Vashaw, Thomas,	Homestead on Clark St.,	8.50	1.00
Vashaw, Mrs. Sadie,	The Gerry Morgan Stand,	4.68	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	3.40	1.00
	Field and Barn of G. D. Morrill,	57.80	1.00
	Field of G. D. Morrill,	5.50	1.00
	Homestead at West Bethel,	8.50	1.00

N. F. BROWN,

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

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Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Brown, John,	Part of D. A. Coffin Farm,	\$.85	2.00
Buck, Charles,	E. Andrews Land,	2.55	2.00
Estes, John H.,	The Corson Homestead,	2.55	2.00
Stahl, A. M.,	Part of R. Estes Intervalo,	6.80	2.00
Smith, Josiah W.,	The W. W. Mason land near Newry Line,	4.25	2.00
	Part of Lots 29-30, Range 6,	8.50	2.00
	Homestead,		

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STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at the Town House, in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Bartlett, E. B.,	40 acres in Lot 10, Range 11,	\$3.00	\$2.00
Kimball, J. P.,	50 acres in Lot 3, Range 6,	18.00	2.00
	80 acres in Lot 3, Range 4,	23.40	2.00
	10 acres in Lot 2, Range 3,	.00	2.00

December 21, 1915.

GEORGE CUMMINGS,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

are varied so as to include a number of nourishing foods, such as grain ration, mash and green stuff.

An excellent grain ration can be made for them by mixing equal parts of cracked corn, oats and wheat. This should be fed in a deep litter, so that the birds will have to scratch it out grain by grain and thereby get the exercise that is so necessary to their good health.

Any breeding flock will relish and be benefited by a mash made by the roughly mixing:

50 lbs. Cornmeal,
50 lbs. Wheat Middlings,
50 lbs. Wheat Bran,
10 lbs. Alfalfa Meal,
10 lbs. Oil Meal,
30 lbs. Beef Scraps,
1 lb. Salt.

Such a mash should be fed dry and placed before the birds for several hours through the middle of the day. One of the most important factors in any mash for breeding birds is beef scraps. They contain a high percentage of protein which not only helps to put the birds in good condition but enables them to impart strong vitality to the hatching eggs.

Green material for breeding birds may consist of the stuff that can be obtained or prepared most easily, such as sprouted oats, sliced cabbage, beets, mangels or small potatoes.

This method of feeding will put breeding birds in splendid condition by the time eggs are desired for hatching and they can then be given a bountiful supply of such of the differ-

ent kinds of food, so as to furnish them with the large surplus of nutriment necessary for the production of a sufficient number of hatchlings. Their grain ration and supply of green food should be increased to as large a quantity as they will clean up and the mash can be left before them all the time.

If a liberal supply of either buttermilk or skim milk can also be fed regularly, it will prove very helpful. Each of these is rich in protein and will therefore make it possible to decrease the amount of beef scraps in the mash about one-half.

In addition to the regular foods, plenty of grit, shell and charcoal should be supplied, as each of these is of some benefit to the breeding hen and will make it easier for her to produce a goodly supply of desirable eggs. The ground oyster shell is especially important, as it is absolutely necessary to the production of hard shelled eggs. Hard shelled hatching eggs are much more to be desired than thin or medium-thick shelled ones, as they are not so likely to get cracked or broken during incubation; do not get chilled as easily; and their contents are kept from evaporating too rapidly.

There is no element of "luck" in the feeding of breeding birds. Results—a maximum number of healthy, vigorous chicks—are sure to come to any poultry owner who realizes that breeding birds must be got into tip-top condition before they can produce the right kind of hatching eggs and then uses good judgment in feeding to obtain such condition.

STORE AT NEWRY CORNER BURNED.

Last Saturday night the building at Newry Corner which is owned by the Grange and used as a store, tenement and hall was burned to the ground.

It is not known exactly where or how the fire caught but it is thought from a defective chimney.

About midnight Mr. O. H. Eaton, who occupies the store and tenement, was awakened by a noise and on looking out of the window saw the flames coming out from under the roof. He and Mrs. Eaton had barely time to gather up a few clothes and make their escape. Nothing was saved from the store, but Mr. Eaton managed to get out his account books.

Mr. Eaton's loss is heavy as he had a large stock of goods and an insurance of only \$2,500 on his stock and \$300 on his household furniture.

The Grange lost all their paraphernalia but there was an insurance of \$1,000 on the building and it is thought that they will rebuild.

MAINE AUTO LICENSE PLATES.

New Design of Opposite Colors With Embossed Figures.

The automobile number plate which will be issued within a few days will possess a new feature. This year it will be embossed, or in other words, the letters and figures will be raised, and thus it will be impossible for automobilists to paint over their old plates, put new numbers upon them, and thus evade the law. This year the colors will be exactly the opposite of those of 1915. This means that the letters and figures will be white, while the background of the plate will be blue. It is the intention at the present time to reverse the colors each year, maintaining the form and lettering of the present plate.

DOGS CARRY DISEASE.

Neglected Animals, Permitted to Run at Large, May Become Carriers of Infection to Farm Animals.

The dog in the country is a useful and pleasant adjunct to the farm if he is properly controlled and cared for, but when neglected may readily become a carrier of disease to stock, in addition to gaining opportunity to kill sheep and destroy gardens and other property. Dog ordinances, as a general rule, have been intended chiefly to curb the dog's power of doing harm by attacking, biting, killing, or running sheep or stock. The part that he plays as a carrier of diseases to animals only recently has been recognized, according to zoologists of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., who believe that when this is better understood, rural ordinances and laws which lessen this danger will gain the support of the community.

Of the diseases carried to stock by dogs, the foot-and-mouth disease is probably of the greatest interest at this time. In this case the dog acts as a mechanical carrier of infection. The dog which runs across an infected farm easily may carry in the dirt on his feet the virus of this most contagious of animal diseases to other farms and thus spread the disease to the neighboring herds. In infected localities it is absolutely essential, therefore, to keep all dogs chained and never to allow them off the farm except on the leash.

There are, however, many other maladies in the spread of which the dog takes an active part. In Bulletin 200 of the department, "The Dog as a Carrier of Parasites and Disease," it is pointed out that rabies, hydatid, ringworm, favus, double-pored tapeworm, roundworm, and tongue worm are often conveyed to human beings in this way. It occasionally happens also that the dog helps fleas and ticks in transmitting bubonic plague or the deadly spotted fever.

Hydatid disease is caused by the presence in the liver, kidneys, brain, lungs, and other organs of a bladder worm of larval tapeworm. Bladder worms are often as large as an orange and may be larger. A dog which is allowed to feed on carrion or the raw viscera of slaughtered animals may eat all or part of a bladder worm containing numerous tapeworm heads. These tapeworm heads develop into small segmented tapeworms in the intestine of the dog. The tapeworms in turn develop eggs which are passed out in the

excrement of the dog. They are spread broadcast on grass and in drinking water where animals can very well eat them and thus become infected. The dog is particularly liable to this disease because of its rooting habits. The eggs may get into human food, and persons who allow dogs to lick their hands and face also run the risk of getting the eggs of the tapeworm in their system.

Prevention on the farm consists in so restraining the dog that he can not get at carrion or raw viscera. Viscera should be boiled before being fed to dogs and should never be thrown on the fields. If not cooked and fed, viscera and carcasses should be buried, buried with lime, or so disposed of as not to be accessible to dogs. Proper feeding of the dog is essential, and the owner who does not feed a dog properly has no right to keep one.

The parasite which causes gid in sheep somewhat resembles the hydatid worm. A dog allowed to eat the brain of a giddy sheep may swallow this parasite and later distribute the eggs of the resulting tapeworm over the pasture. Sheep while grazing swallow the eggs with the grass which they eat. In the case of sheep dogs it is important to administer vermifuges often enough to keep them free of these worms. In the case of sheep measles, the bladder worm in the meat, typical of this disease, is swallowed by the dog and again the tapeworm eggs are passed by the dog to grass or water, and there are eaten by sheep.

Of the external parasites which dogs may carry to animals, fleas and the various kinds of ticks are both troublesome and dangerous. The remedy is clear. The owner must keep his dog clean, not merely for the comfort and happiness of the dog, but to prevent it from becoming a carrier of disagreeable and dangerous vermin.

These reasonable measures, important to the stock on the farm, have a direct connection with the health of the family. Where ringworm or other skin diseases break out among the children, or the worm parasites develop, it is well to determine whether a dirty or uncared for dog may not be carrying infection on his skin or hair, or be conveying disease from carrion directly to the food and persons of his friends. Even if no one is infected with disease, the folly of allowing a dog to remain dirty and have the freedom of a home where personal cleanliness and hygiene are respected is apparent.

Christmas Specials

Japanese China

Cups and Saucers
Nail Bowls
Hair Receivers
BonBon Dishes
Hat Pin Holders
Mustard Dishes
Plates

15c each

Decorative
Bells, Festooning,
Garlands, Tree Ornaments, Etc.

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Kill If You Let Them.
Instead kill your Cough with DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY. It kills Irritated Throat and Lungs. Thousands in last 40 years benefited by
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Events of Interest From
ington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE PANAMA CANAL

There seems to be a little in Congressional circles over the Panama Canal, but heads are holding down the would make a disturbance. Ditch is exactly like a r which has its small slides in or, just as Culebra, or Gail their big slides because the ments are 300 feet high.

The present work at Panama is a process of widening and removing a portion of the on the hillsides that has a greatest amount of difficulty, nothing particularly new in oments except that the hills themselves more plentifully before during the recent rai. This was not unexpected of the engineers, and people been to Panama firmly be when the waterway is open within a short time, that ties will be permanently over.

THE MINISTER FROM BEL

Mr. Brand Whitlock had l plations which were some when he was drawn into the activities of his home city and became Mayor. He mad did Mayor and attracted the of President Wilson for the saguety he displayed. Mr. was offered the Belgium post seized it with avidity becom looked upon as a desert in d with no work to do. Whitlock Belgium to write books and literary monument for himse a twinkling he found himse center of the European war. ner in which he has acquired his task has made his name work respected throughout t Whitlock is home for a short proposes to go back to Belg the first of the year.

BANKING OPPORTUNITI

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Bureau of Foreign and Commerce says that there are opportunities for banking in Soua, but since enterprising you ciers went down to Hoopville gila, and charged one per cashing Dupont checks, thereby a clear rack-off of several thou lars a week by turning over th is to be no call to leave this com ts sort of business. However can bankers have been findi American investments profit their enterprise has helped to trade with and strengthen the of the United States with th American republics.

DOGS CARRY DISEASE

A bulletin issued by the States Department of Agriculture monishing dog owners to be this pleasant adjunct to farm much as it has been determi these animals are notorious as disease. A whole list of allmen are enumerated in the bulletin, of the dangers may be avoided the dog is kept clean. The reme ts that vermin and infection about the same as between d human beings. The Departm agrees with David Harum in th at "a few fleas are good for a cause they keep him from broo being a dog." The Federal ment insists that parasites, fle ticks are both troublesome and as.

HOTELS FOR POOR PEOPLE

Secretary Lane of the Depart the Interior, has provided sever hotels for the Yosemite, thus t that poor people will be well tr the National Park. The gove has certainly scored a real schel is founding a place where pe moderate means can go without of being robbed by hotel keepers.

CONGRESSIONAL SOCIET

New Congressmen's wives w pries tag still dangling on "em nighty hard row to hoe in Wa society. They've got to be self- they never get started at al self important seasoned hands a grimly and watch the pathell es of the freshmen and the ten without lifting a finger. They ead to blaze their own trail rather fun to watch the equim the uninitiated.

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